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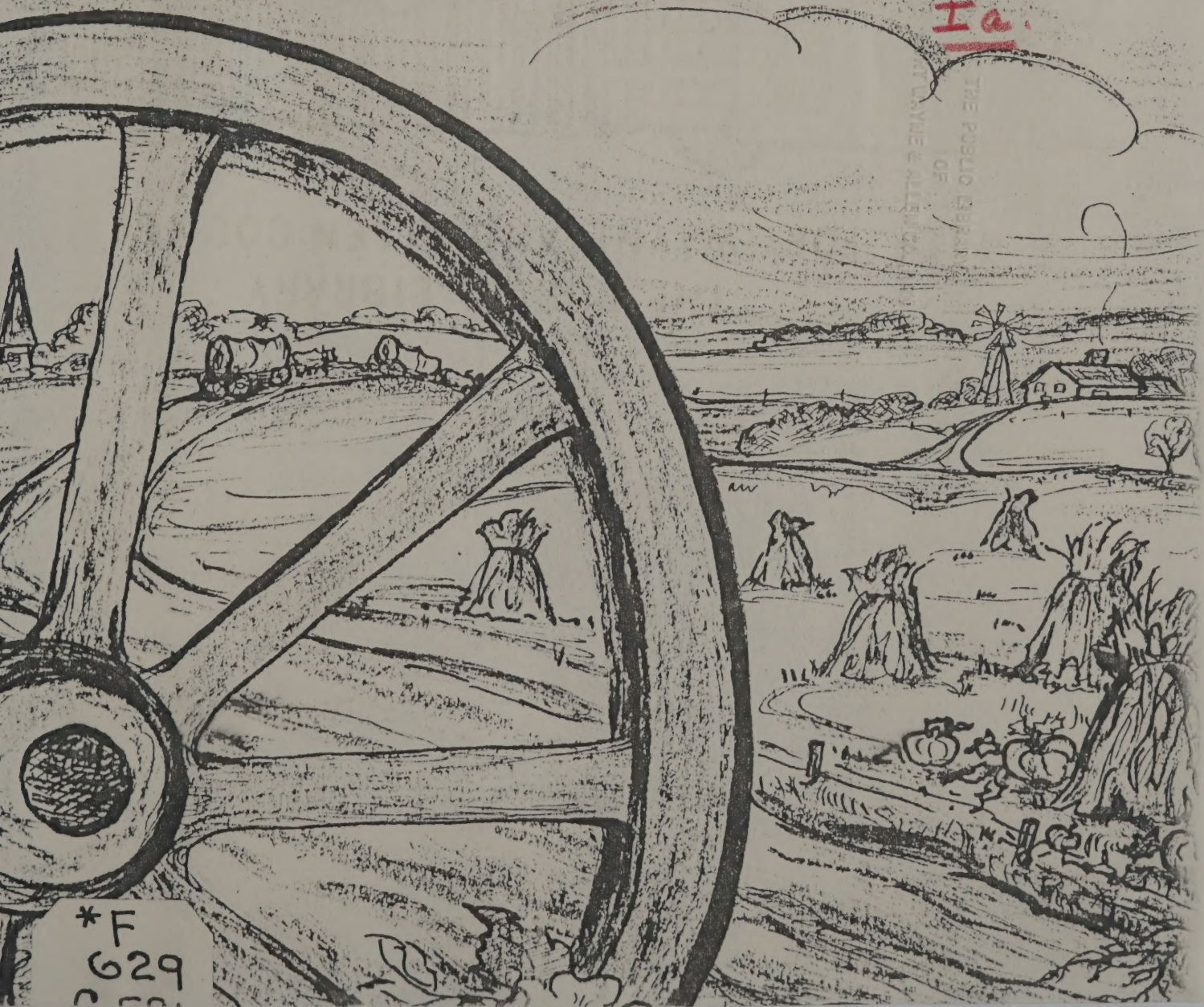
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Achievement's thrill brings joy to each heart,  
While in sorrow or loss our friends bear a part.*

*Sometimes, it is true, there is heard a sharp tongue:  
These are humans, not angels, we live among.  
The pall of snobbishness, envy and greed,  
Can cause carelessness to another's need;  
While a smug content with things of this earth  
Can curtain awareness of Spiritual Worth.*

*But we know our Home Town has souls as great  
As those that dwell in a city's estate;  
While great events occur right here  
Such as birth and death, with their hope and fear;  
There's the bloom of a rose, the rise of a Star.  
God bless Home Towns - wherever they are!*

*Irma Young Paul*





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## LOOKING FORWARD -

During the year of 1957 numerous people of the Clarence, Iowa vicinity became aware that a Centennial for our town was approaching in 1959; so in March 1958 at a meeting of the Clarence Commercial Club, Chairman Richard Kemmann brought up the idea that a committee of local citizens look into the topic. As a result a committee was appointed under the direction of Paul Chapman. The work of this committee resulted in the announcement of a general public meeting of all individuals who could come and also representatives of the church, fraternal and civic and educational bodies in and around Clarence.

This general meeting of April 29th developed into the Clarence Centennial Association; composed of individuals representing the various organizations in and around Clarence. An organization was formed as the Clarence Community Park Association; Merlin Hulse, president; Richard Kemmann, vice president; Raymond Doermann, secretary; G. C. Wallace, treasurer. After due consideration the assembled general committee voted to conduct a Centennial Observance for the 100th year of existence of Clarence, Iowa by having an historical pageant on the night of July 31st and August 1st, with a public dedication of our recently acquired 12 acre park, which was purchased from Miss Carrie Stanlake, G. H. Goldsmith and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steege located at the west end of the Clarence City limits.

It is the wish of the Centennial Committee in general to develop this park area so that young and old may bring their families and friends to enjoy the park with its increasing usefulness to all. Our purpose in building the park is to commemorate the past 100 years, by building towards an enjoyable gathering place which will be a growing memorial.

## A THANK YOU . . . . .

To the Committees, their helpers and everyone who so cheerfully worked to establish the Clarence Community Park.

Merlin Hulse, Chairman  
Richard Kemmann, Vice-chairman  
Glen Wallace, Treasurer  
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# CLARENCE CENTENNIAL

## 1859 - 1959

### JULY 31 - AUG. 1 & 2

FRIDAY - JULY 31 and SATURDAY - AUGUST 1 - 8:00 P. M.

Pageant "Once Upon A Time" (About 100 years ago)

Scene I - Indian Ceremonial Dance

Scene II - First Permanent Settlers

Scene III - Tornado

Scene IV - Fourth of July, 1859

Scene V - First Blaine & Logan Club  
Later Blaine & Logan Club

Scene VI - Harmony Society

Scene VII - Play at Simmons Hall

Scene VIII - Clarence Schools

Scene IX - Butchering Scene

Scene X - Armed Services

Scene XI - Farmer's Picnic

Scene XII - Clarence Churches

- AFTER THE PAGEANT DANCING -

July 31 - Teen Age Dance  
10:00 P. M. - 1:00 A. M.

Music by - Dale Thomas and BANDARA BOYS

August 1 - Old Time Dance  
10:00 P. M. - 1:00 A. M.

Music by - Mell-O-Aires

#### SUNDAY - AUGUST 2

Combined Church Services

10:30 A. M.

Park Dedication

The Reverend Robert T. Fauth, Speaker

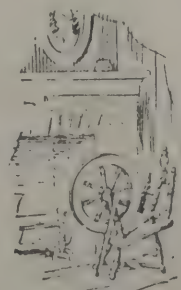
12:00 Noon Class Reunion Picnics 2:00 P. M. Whisker Judging with prizes

Concert of "The Hungry Five" 2:30 P. M. Recognition of Centennial Visitors

3 P. M. Ball Game



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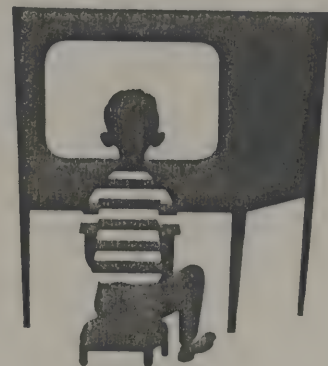




THROUGH

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## *The Story of -*

# DAYTON TOWNSHIP

## *Cedar County, Iowa*

We usually think of history as having to do with wars and dates when certain events happened. The really important phase of American history is the emigration westward of families of people with their subduing of forest and prairie and bringing the land into cultivation. Such is the case with the history of the township in which we live.

In 1831 Antoine Le Claire, the Indian interpreter and first citizen of Davenport, laid claim to the timber tract northeast of Clarence. He never lived on it to prove up his claim, but at that he is the first claimant to land in the vicinity.

When the surveyors came through in 1837 laying out the township and section lines it was their duty to put down the names of white settlers and where they were living. From these surveyor's notes, we ascertain that families named Nesbit, Poston and Stiles were living in Onion Grove at that time. They were the earliest but not permanent settlers in the township.

It has been more than 100 years since the first white people came to make permanent homes in the township. In 1844 Thomas Robinson and his wife, nee Margaret Spear settled in the timber on the banks of Mill Creek,

now owned by Alvina Larick. They were the grandparents of the late Ernest Robinson, Rena Buckley and Willie Robinson of Clarence. In 1847 a son, William S. was born to them, the first white child born in the township. Mr. Robinson was also the first postmaster. The early settlers found quantities of wild onions growing along the banks of Mill Creek. From this circumstance they called this body of timber, Onion Grove. It formerly extended almost half a mile further south and west, but has been cut off to provide more farm land. Other than the body of timber along the creek, the earliest settlers found the rest gently rolling prairie covered by rich, tough grass. At one time it was possible to drive across country to Tipton without being hindered by fences or roads at all.

In 1847 the Moses Garrison family coming from Jones County, settled where Melvin Hasselbusch lives. As near as can be ascertained they were the second family to settle here. They were the parents of the late, Mrs. Martha Van Wormer. Other families soon followed. The Wm. Laughrey family settled where Chas. Starr now lives. There was also a family named Snow that lived on the McConkie farm now tenanted by Chester Noble. Mrs.



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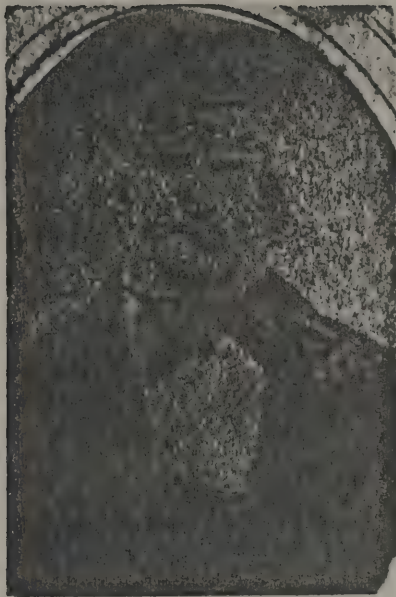
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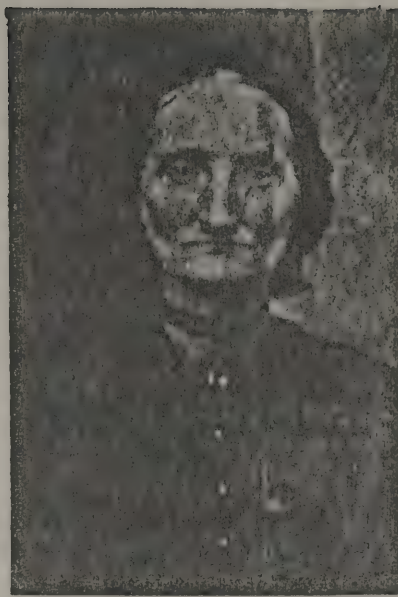
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Thomas Robinson



Margaret Spear Robinson



Wm. S. Robinson

Wm. S. Robinson, first white person born in the township 1847-1918

Snow is credited with bringing the butter print to this locality. It was a door yard plant to her in Ohio which she admired and in order to enjoy its bright yellow flowers, she brought some seed to Iowa. In the rich soil it multiplied until it has become a weed that is almost impossible to eradicate. The James Girard family lived where Donald Ruther does now. Mr. Girard erected in 1855, a store building which stood on the north side of the lane leading to that set of buildings. When the railroad came through it was moved to town and stood for many years on that location until in 1882 when the present brick building was erected by the late George E. Smith to house his drug store. It was moved to the location on the Dr. H. A. Bouschlicher property where it served as a barn. A few years ago it was torn down. Till then it was the oldest building in the community. The Girard family above referred to moved to Kansas where they gave their name to the city of Girard, Kansas.

A postoffice was established in the community which was served by the carrier on the route which led from Iowa City to Dubuque. Mail was carried by horseback in saddlebags; deliveries were weekly or bi-weekly at the most.

At an early date, a cemetery was laid out on a knoll in the timber. It was never generally used because of its being unwisely chosen on a ledge of rock coming close to the surface, making the graves shallow in depth and also the fact that the Diamond Cemetery was established in 1856 and the Clarence Cemetery in 1868. However it contains the graves of the earliest settlers, the Robinson family, the Laughreys, a family named Brown, who lived in the timber east of Kellys, members of which died within two years time of tuberculosis, a sister of Mrs. Martha Van Wormer, some children named Dorr and a few others. The grave of no person there can now be identified.



Martha Garrison  
Van Wormer  
1844-1934 came  
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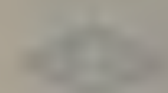
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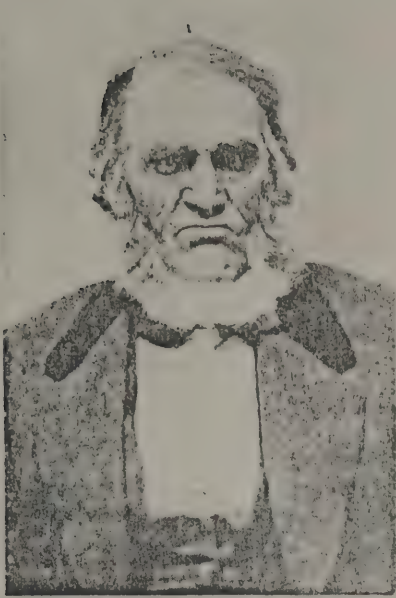
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Lydia Williams Frink



Rev. F. J. Wilson

In 1853 the Frink and Decker families settled on the banks of the Creek in what we know as Dayton Valley. This brought a large number of settlers of a substantial character into the northeast part of the township. Descendants of these people still occupy farms in that neighborhood, one of the most beautiful rural spots in the middle west.

For election purposes the three townships in the northern tier of the county were combined in one called Polk Township, named in honor of President James K. Polk. One of the early elections was held at the house of a man named Ayres, who lived where John Feddersen does now. The late Mrs. Eunice Cartwright is authority for this, that the ballots were strung on a needle and yarn as they were counted, in order to keep them together. As the county became more fully settled, these townships were separated and the eastern one of them called Massillon for the village of that name which in turn was named for Massillon, Ohio. The other two were called respectively, Fremont and Dayton, for the first Republican presidential and vice presidential candidates in the election of 1856, John C. Fremont and William Dayton.

In 1856 regular religious services began to be held in the Dayton Valley neighborhood. This was the origin of the Dayton Valley Wesleyan Methodist Church, the oldest religious organization in the township. The building was erected in 1869 and has had an unbroken existence till the present. Incidentally, this church is the oldest one of its kind in Iowa and perhaps west of the Mississippi River.

Rev. Frank J. Wilson came to Dayton Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1911 and remained until 1924. He was at one time president of the Conference of Iowa Wesleyan Methodist Church. In spare time he erected brick and hollow tile silos many of which are still serving in this vicinity.

In 1858 the railroad called then, the Chicago, Iowa and Nebraska Railroad, was graded and track laid as far as the lane leading to Glen Pruess' house. Here the work stopped for lack of funds and the approach of winter. A box car was switched to a side track to form the first depot. A farmer named Wm. Hoey who lived where F. J. Bachman's farm now is, was the first station agent.

The next season the track was completed into town. A celebration was held on the Fourth of July that year, the principal attraction of which was a train ride to Lowden and back. With the advent of the railroad the few buildings in the Onion Grove community were moved to the present town site. The new community was known by that name. In fact the village was platted under that name. In 1862, L. B. Gere, a merchant at that time, made the suggestion to change the name to Clarence, in honor of his native town of Clarence, New York. (Clarence, New York was named for the House of Clarence, one of the royal residences. Lombard Street was named after Lombard Street in London, which is to London what Wall Street is to New York.) Mr. Gere erected about that time the brick house now owned by Mrs. Ida Engelking. The telegraph call letters for this station are still O. G. for Onion Grove.

On Sunday, June 3rd, 1860, a most devastating tornado swept into the township from the northwest. It struck a house standing north of Robert Kellys, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, great grandparents of Mrs. Vern Freeman, demolishing the house and killing them both. It proceeded east roughly following the creek and struck another house standing on the site of the Fred Decker farm and occupied by people named Mackie, killing the entire family. Mrs. Elizabeth Decker who had just lately been made a widow and her family, Henry Fred, Chas. and Carrie were living in a house where





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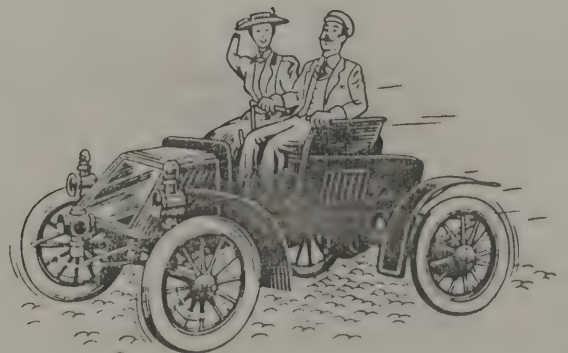
Depot torn down March 1959

Robert Decker now lives. The tornado had sucked up the water and mud from the creek and just as it got opposite the house that sheltered the terrified family, let loose a blast as from a gigantic hose and literally plastered the outside with mud and sticks. It shortly lifted and passed out of the township to descend again after dark on the town of Camanche and lay it waste, killing and injuring a number of people.

The coming of the Civil War found the people of the community ready to support the Union. Almost a whole company was raised in this Community. Company G. of the 31st Iowa Infantry which saw action around Chattanooga, Tennessee. Only one person from the township lost his life in battle in the war between the states. He was Carlton Frink, a young man of 20, who lost his life in the battle of Shiloh.



Residence of Ida Engelking  
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## CLARENCE

While the railroad was building, the Iowa Land Company was organized. The purpose of the company was to control the location of stations along the line of the road. When the line of the road was established, Joseph Ball was the owner of the northeast Quarter of Section 27, and the entire south half of the same section. About the time the station was established, the Iowa Land Company bought from Mr. Ball the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 27, 40 acres, for town purposes. That forty acres was south of Lombard street. James Laughrey owned the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 22, and Daniel Lesley owned the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 23. These tracts extended north from Lombard street across the railroad track, and were also purchased by the Iowa Land Company. The forty acres above referred to, as purchased from Ball, was subdivided into town lots by the Land Company, as was also a part of the eighty acres purchased from Laughrey. This survey covered the original plat of Clarence.

In 1865, Fred Hecht, M. K. H. Reed and A. Piatt bought the balance of the northeast quarter of Section 27, and all of the south half of the same section, and laid off what was known as Hecht's Addition to the town of Clarence. In 1867, Charles M. Gilbert made an addition to the east side of Clarence, which is known as Gilbert's Addition. In 1868, L. Phelps also made an addition, which is known as Phelps' Addition. Besides the above named additions, there are these several others: Huff's Addition on the northwest; Baumann's on the northeast; Phelps' Triangular Addition, which lies between Lombard street and the railroad track, and Hecht's Second Addition.

The lots laid off on the Laughrey track north of the railroad were never improved. In 1865, L. Phelps contracted with the Iowa Land Company for that part of the three eighty-acre tracts lying north of the railroad. Be-

fore the deeds were executed, he contracted the west eighty to James Huff, and the deeds were made to Mrs. Huff. The east eighty, with the exception of the part of it south of the railroad, and known as the Phelps' Triangular Addition, was deeded to George Bauman, leaving Mr. Phelps in possession of all that part of the middle eighty north of the railroad. After the title was confirmed in him, Mr. Phelps petitioned to have that part of it included in the original town plat vacated, which petition was granted, and the land is now used for farming purposes. Clarence was named in honor of Clarence, New York, at the suggestion of L. B. Gere, one of the early business men of Onion Grove Station.

The population is estimated at 800.

### VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

The village of Clarence was incorporated under the general laws of the State in the early part of 1866. The first meeting of the Town Board was held on the 8th of May, 1866. The first Mayor was James DeWolf. Since then, the Mayors in succession have been as follows:

1867, James DeWolf; 1868, Norman Eldridge; 1869, M. K. Reed; 1870, J. McMillon, who served three years; 1873, Seth Sylvester; 1874, J. P. Ferguson, who served two years; 1876, Norman Eldridge; 1877, L. M. Johnson, who (1878) served a second term.

First Board of Alderman - C. M. Gilbert, E. B. Simmonds, A. W. Bloomburg, B. A. Mink and J. Stone; George McLeod, Recorder, L. H. Knapp, Treasurer; J. P. Ferguson, Marshal.

One of the first projects of the municipal government was the purchase of 8 acres north of town and laying out of the Clarence cemetery in 1868. The purchaser of any lot still gets a warranty deed from the Town.





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For many years the Town cared for it. About 1900 the care was turned over to an association of women, later enlarged to include men as well. They manage to care for the grounds and invest the funds paid in.

Following the disastrous fire of January 1st, 1891, the town drilled a well and had water mains installed and supply tank erected both to furnish water to the citizens and protection against fire. This wooden tank was replaced in 1938 by the present metal one and a number of extra mains laid with W.P.A. funds. Another well was drilled in 1950, and in 1953 a filter system was installed.

During the summer of 1927 the paving of Highway 30 was the big project. That also promoted the oiling of the streets of the town so that we have now a fine system of surfaced streets.

During the term of our present Mayor, Henry F. Dircks many improvements have been made. An excellent street lighting system was installed on highway 30, also known as Lombard Street, from west to east limits of town. A bandshell of which any community would be justly proud was built in the downtown park.

Town Councils may change as to membership and mayors come and go but one feature of our local government has been the same almost from the beginning. The town council has met for the regular monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month that can be traced for nearly 90 years.

#### POSTMASTERS

1869-1885	J. P. Ferguson
1885-1889	August Woerder
1889-1893	Lagrange Tiffany
1893-1897	Alex Grant
1897-1913	Charles Smith
1913-1921	F. M. McCarty
1921-1934	Miss Lou Brink
1934-	Vern Freeman

#### MAYORS

1866-1867	James DeWolf
1868-	Norman Eldridge
1869-	M. K. H. Reed
1870-1873	Joe McMillen
1874-	Seth Sylvester
1874-1875	J. P. Ferguson
1876-	Norman Eldridge
1877-1878	T. M. Johnson
1900-	M. B. Cottrell
1903-1910	J. W. Greig
1910-1912	S. S. Crittenden
1914-1917	Hosea Ballou
1918-1924	Wesley Brink
1924-1930	Harry Freeman
1930-1938	Hans J. Klatt
1938-1946	C. E. Martzahn
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1948-1950	Paul Lohman
1950-	Henry Dircks





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West end of business district about 1918.

The Clarence Volunteer Fire Company was established by town ordinance in 1918. Its members have monthly meetings for drill and care of the fire trucks. In 1948 a large truck to service both town and country fires was purchased by popular subscription. Yearly dues of \$5.00 are paid by farmers which is used to finance care of the truck, any surplus is repaid as a patronage dividend to the subscriber. Lester Clemmens has been fire chief for the past thirteen years.

#### BUSINESS INTERESTS OF 1878

The honor of selling the first goods at Clarence belongs to Hoey and Bonesteel, who, after the freight and ticket office was moved up to the town plat, opened a small stock of groceries and provisions in a part of the car.

Friend and Culbertson of Tipton, opened the first general store, in 1859. They occupied the building now occupied by C. Peterson as a boot and shoe store.

Messrs. Gilbert and Foote also commenced a general merchandising business in the Fall of 1859, opening out in one end of the building now called the Hecht and Reed warehouse.

Fish and Gere came at nearly the same time, and opened out in the building now known as the Phelps warehouse.

The Smith Brothers, of Tipton, opened a branch hardware store in the Girard Building, now occupied by George E. Smith as a drug store. They were the first to commence this line of business in Clarence, establishing themselves here in the Spring of 1860.

In 1860, Friend and Culbertson built a new store room

on Lombard street, the building now occupied by Hecht and Polley.

Fish and Gere erected a building on the corner now occupied by E. B. Simmons, the same season. That building was destroyed by fire in the summer of 1865.

M. M. Cummings opened a general store - - dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries, drugs, etc., etc. - in 1860. His building was located on the corner now occupied by Snyder and Co. It was a rough, shanty-like building, and was destroyed by fire, about nine years ago.

From 1862 to 1871, the business of Clarence was exceedingly prosperous. The effects of the great fire in Chicago, in October, 1871, were felt here to some extent, however, the business men have no reason to complain for want of patronage or scarcity of money. The surrounding country is occupied by industrious, energetic farmers, who raise a large surplus of grain and stock, for which a ready cash market is always found through the shipping facilities offered by the C. & N. W. Ry.

#### CLARENCE BUSINESS HOUSES

Beginning at the south side of Lombard street, the site at the west end, where the Cities Service station is now, was occupied by a residence of a Mrs. Porter in the 1880's and 1890's. The Samuel Layton family later lived there till 1920, when the house was moved to the A. R. Bixler farm north of town and was remodelled. For a time there were tourist camp accommodations on the site, till it was purchased by the Cities Service Company in 1928. Henry Hanken started the filling station, selling to L. A. Kintzel, who operated the station from 1929 to 1949. He was followed by Richard Fehling in 1949, who in turn sold to Leonard Conrad and Wilbur Gottschalk in 1954.



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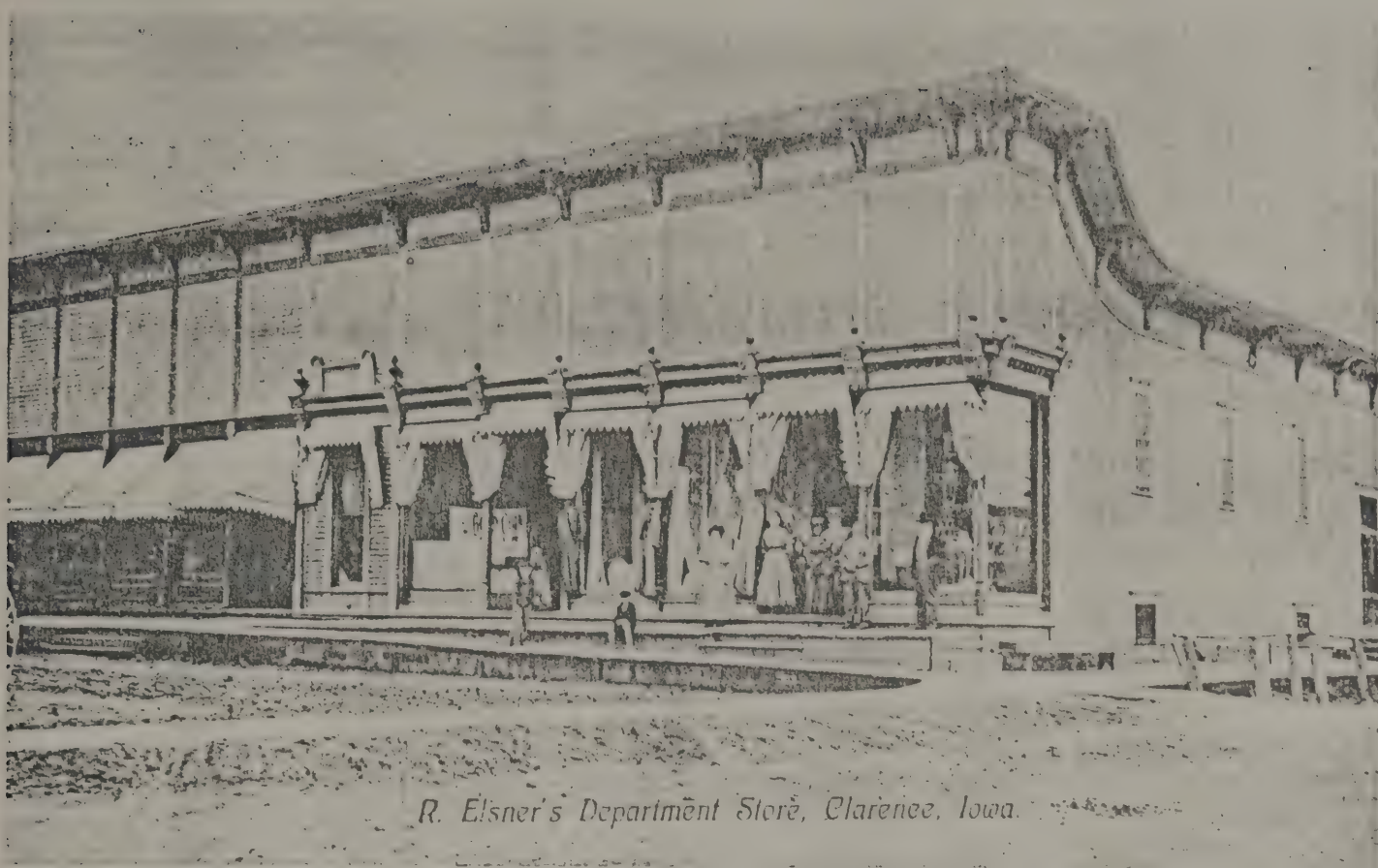
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*R. Elsner's Department Store, Clarence, Iowa.*

On the vacant lot next east, for many years stood the Opera House, owned by M. B. Cottrell. It was the site of the first moving pictures shown in Clarence. Following a fire it was torn down. Many a dance was held here.

Adjacent to the alley, a building was erected by William Carson who had a variety store, a fore-runner of the dime and dollar store. He sold to the late William Craig. E. H. West moved his grocery store to this site in 1916, conducting it till his death in 1922. Emil Spille then managed the store till his death in 1927. H. W. Lohman carried on this business for a few years! Kermit Roelf operated a chicken hatchery there for two years, till the disastrous fire in 1938. It was purchased by J. C. Dettman, who remodeled it for a tavern, selling it to Glen Kelly in 1943, who has since owned it to the present time.

The two story brick building now housing the K & M Cleaners was erected in 1895 by Chas F. Peabody for a furniture store. The site was originally occupied by a large frame hotel erected in 1864 by A. W. Bloomburg. The building burned in the winter of 1878-1879, and the site stood vacant until bought by Mr. Peabody. Jerome Crow operated a general Store there following Mr. Peabody and closing out in 1910. S. L. Tarbox and Joe Herman followed the operation of the store. In the 1920's Emil Liercke operated a garage here. Later Wayne White operated a grocery store here until 1940. Grover Penningroth had his Meat Market and sausage factory there from 1929 to 1945; the Schnipkowitzs a hatchery, 1945 to 1950; since 1950, Walter

#### Present site of B & K Store.

Hartwig operates an Electrical Appliance in this building and the K and M Cleaners, their cleaning establishment.

The next building was erected in 1895 by Clark Smith for a Printing Office. In 1897 Chas Smith became Postmaster and moved the Post Office to that location, which it continued to share with the Clarence Sun until 1935, when both Post Office and Printing Office were moved to their present location. For a time the Sausage factory of Glover Penningroth was in this building. It was remodeled for a Sandwich shop in 1946 by Marvin Tacker, succeeded by Thos and Mae Humes in 1950. Since 1954 used by Walter Hartwig's display room for electrical appliances. The balance is used by Elmer Meyer and Gordon Smith for office purposes.

The site next east was used as a warehouse for many years, burning on January 1, 1891.

The brick building now used by Kreinbring & Doermann for an office was erected in 1895 by E. S. Dean for a meat market and continued by his son E. C. Dean until in 1924. J. E. Shriver continued the business until 1928, selling to C. A. Merritt, who sold to Grover Penningroth in 1929. D. H. Engelking opened a restaurant there in 1933 followed by Murray Eckhart. August Kreinbring bought it in 1949; it housed grocery stores operated by Ted Aschim and Leon Moskowitz until Kreinbring & Doermann moved in, in 1955.

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1859. A store occupied the first floor, with a loft or upstairs room wherein the Presbyterian Church was organized and it was also used for school purposes. It was burned in 1865, rebuilt by E. B. Simmons who sold it to Hecht and Thorn in the 1880's. It was a two story building which housed the dentist offices of T. D. Sturdevant and M. L. Shuck. Next south of it was a small building occupied by James Escher, a jeweler. On the site of the present Legion building was the brick veneer building of the W. B. Hanna and son General Store. This whole corner was swept by a disastrous fire on January 1st, 1891, which burned all three buildings. These were rebuilt by W. B. Hanna, who took in Mr. Timpe as a partner. They, in 1908 sold to R. A. Elsner, who sold to Licht & Hein in 1918, who sold to George D. Miller in 1929. He was replaced by Baltisberger and Kline in 1945, the present operators. Mr. Elsner bought the building in 1914 and George D. Miller from the Elsner estate in 1939.

#### SOUTH SIDE BEGINNING WITH CORNER

This was a part of the Iowa Land Company's holdings, conveyed originally to M. Cummings, thence to John Peterson. In 1869 it became the property of James Snyder, Sr. who that year erected the three story building on this site, deeding the third story to the Masonic lodge, which has since been their quarters. It is thus the oldest brick business house in town and second oldest business building. Only the Masonic Order has occupied the third story. No other organization or person in the community has occupied the same quarters so long. James K. Snyder occupied the street floor as a general store until he sold to Vroom & Brown in 1887, to go into a shoe store in Cedar Rapids. Vroom & Brown sold to Reinking & Wm. Gauger in 1899. They sold to E. H. West, and he moved his grocery store half a block west in 1916. This was remodeled for a restaurant, operated by Frank Tague, who in September of 1917 sold to Clark and Pearl Marvin. In 1920 they sold to George D. Miller, who sold in 1929 to Clyde and Pearl Perkins. Since 1941 the building has been owned by Pearl Perkins, and Arnold and Velma Kahl have operated the restaurant since 1950.

Wm. Carson operated a hardware store here from 1870-1908. Kemp and Fry operated a garage here from 1908-1913. Later in 1914 the frame building was torn down and the present brick structure was erected by F. W. Phelps & W. A. Engelking for a hardware store. Guy Swartzell established a grocery store here in 1929, which was sold to Howard Claney in 1932, who has since operated that business, which he moved in 1942 to the building east on the corner which he still occupies. For the last twelve years it has housed a pool hall.

The next space, housed for many years the law office of George McLeod, who began the practice of law in 1872. The brick structure was built about 1905. It housed a barber shop for many years, operated by E. H. Guyer, Bair, Ralph Shriver and Clark Workman. In



Kahl's Cafe occupies the first floor of this building. Now remodeled, Mrs. Pearl Perkins lives in the second floor apartment. The Masonic Hall is on the third floor.

the 1920's it housed the A. W. Lyle Plumbing Shop and a grocery store operated by Roy Sterling. It was bought in 1931 by Clark Workman, who in 1947 sold to K. W. Roelf, who sold to Clarence Yock for a plumbing shop, who in turn sold to Chas. Malin in December 1950 for a shoe repair shop.

The telephone system had its origin in the action of a group of farmers including John Jansen and Hosea Ballou banding together in 1901 to furnish telephone service to the neighborhood north of Clarence. In 1902 F. B. Riggs and M. B. Cottrell enterprising business men promoted the establishment of a telephone system for the immediate town and community. In 1906 Eric Zager, husband of Jessie Zager came to town to be lineman. A brick building was erected in 1905 to house the central switch board. In 1919 the system was sold to Hans Klatt who continued to own it till his death in 1947. The family sold the business to the Clarence Telephone Co. a stock company subscribed by local capital in 1951.

The next frame structure housed a hardware store operated by Archie Thom, later by the following: W. C. Thomson, F. B. Riggs in 1893, Asa Fuller, Gus Moeller Grant, Arthur Magnuson selling to Ray Bauman in 1921 to 1924 then to Edward Kinney. It was torn down by Aug. Christophersen.

A store building stood where is now our small Park. At one time L. Tiffany, who was postmaster from 1889 to 1893, had the Post Office and a small grocery store there. It housed various enterprises, till it was torn down. The empty basement was filled in, in 1937 and a small park established.





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Part of Christmas Display in downtown Park. Bandshell in background.

Several years ago when E. C. Schluter was visiting in Brookfield, Missouri he saw a small park in the heart of that town. It gave him the idea to have a similar one in Clarence, and made the suggestion to the late Hans Klatt who owned a vacant lot along side now Claney's store. They purchased at Ed's suggestion the old hardware store owned by F. B. Riggs. The building on it was cleared off, the basement excavations filled in and grass seeded. After Hans Klatt's death in 1947 when the family sold to the Telephone Company this spot was presented to the town in August 1953 to be called the Edwin Schluter Memorial Park. Because it lay at right angles and joined the Edna Zybelle library lots, it could be easily maintained. A band shell was erected thereon in 1952 where the school band renders Saturday evening concerts through the summer. It is carefully maintained. In the Christmas season it is the scene of an outstanding seasonal display.

The corner building adjacent to the alley housed a meat market, operated by S. M. Davis and the late Chas. Bixler for about twelve years, selling to S. A. Dean. Ethel Reid Shriver was born upstairs in this building.

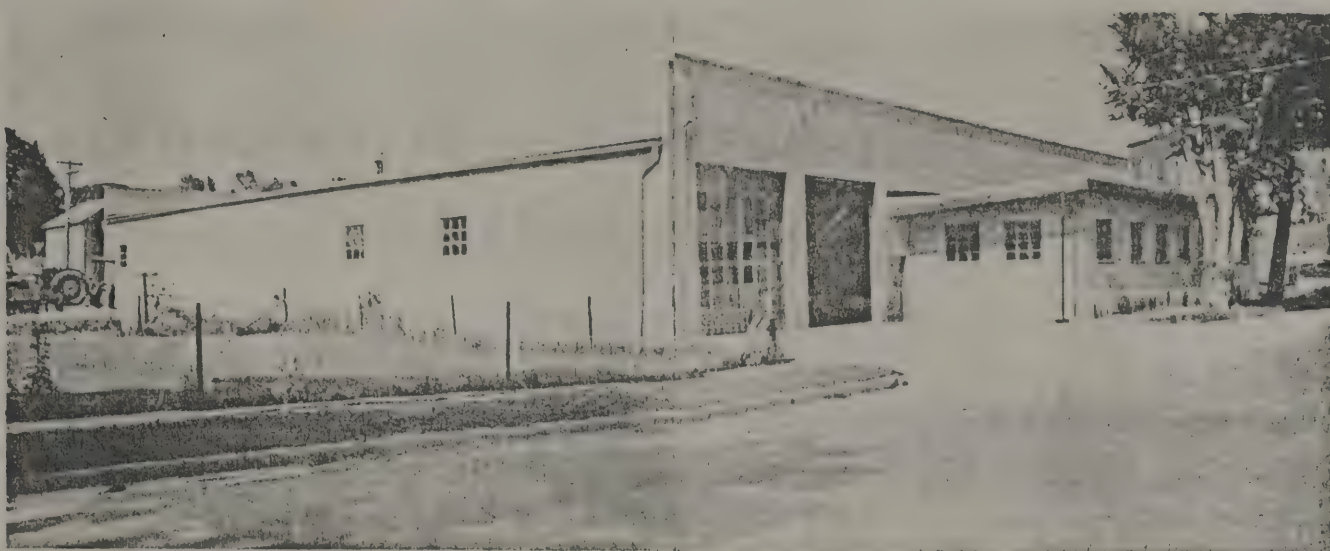
From 1911, S. A. Dean conducted a Meat Market here till shortly before his death in 1934. He was followed by Paul Lohman, Harold Stange and Clara Meier, who operated a Grocery store "The Clarence Food Store". They sold to Howard Claney, who moved his grocery business there in 1942.

The next building knew a variety of businesses. L. L. Burton had a restaurant there from 1904-1905. Elna Burton Dohrman was born upstairs. Louis Lubkeman had a harness repair shop there followed by his son, Louis Jr. It has known a variety of businesses. Al Beach, "tonsorial artist", "coloring of the mustache done in first class style", had his barbershop there in the early 1900's. It has known a variety of restaurants. Ann's Maidrite, beginning there in 1954, was sold in 1959 to Mike Rouse, who now operates it under the name of "Uncle Mike's Maidrite".

Dr. and Mrs. Isaiah Williams had their home and office for many years in the next building, to be followed by Fred Rieckhoff, who on the least suggestion would demonstrate what a strong man he was or the manual of arms of the German army. Later the Woiciks, a Polish family.







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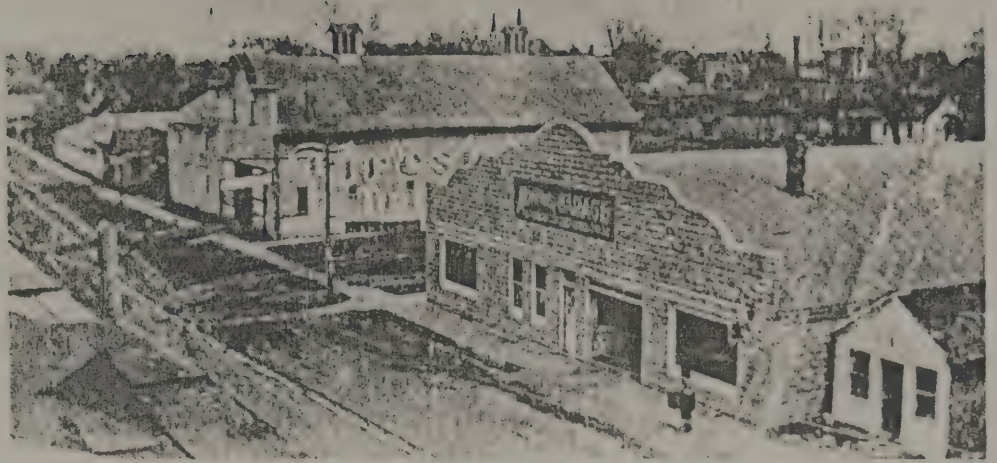






Livery Barn

and Garage Corner



occupied it for several years, till it was torn down.

A small shack housed a shoe repair shop run by George Drummond. Later another small building was operated by Henry Pruess and later by George Baruth as a shoe repair business. Conrad Baade had his wood-working shop here for many years. He later sold the shop to Fred Debner, a carpenter. This was the last owner before it was torn down.

On the corner was once a photograph gallery, operated by W. P. Hurd. He sold in 1891 to Chas. Smith, who operated it till he became Postmaster in 1897.

To the south was a frame building housing a small barn and blacksmith shop. Here the late Wm. Rummel kept "Frau Frau" his race horse, which did not win any races. Dr. E. E. Rowser started his veterinary practice here. The last blacksmith to work there was Jerry Kroigaard who died in 1912. The frame buildings were torn down to make way for the present garage. It was erected in 1916 by Alfred Hoffner. He operated it for a few years, selling to the late Rollie Robinson, who sold to Millard & Leatherby, and they sold it to Perkins and Ziegler. It was next sold to J. C. Dettmann in 1926, who operated it till 1946 and then sold it to Howard Thein.

Across the street where the Standard Service Station is now, was once a large livery barn operated by L. P. Yocum from 1896 till 1908. He sold it to Wm. Werling and he in turn sold to Wm. Penningroth in 1913, and from 1916 to 1917 W. L. Dettmann possessed ownership. It was dismantled and a filling station was built by Ted Perkins. The following have operated the station: Willard Bradley 1928-30; Harry Hansen 1930-35; John Stock 1935 to the present.

Next was a blacksmith shop conducted by Vincent Curley from 1873 till shortly before his death in 1909. He went to bed at sundown and got up about 4:00 A.M. so he could be uptown first to regale the news. He was followed by Louis Behrend and Bob Stanlake. H. D. Kemman Sons bought the building and tore it down.

Next was a large horse barn owned by Myron Cottrell, housing his race horses. In the back where the creamery is now, was a race track, where the horses exercised. The site was bought by the Clarence Shipping Association and the feed yard was built. They in turn sold to J. C. Dettman, present owner of the property. Since 1950 the Morehead Insurance Agency has had its office here. This insurance agency was started in 1915 by C. E. Morehead, and at the time of his death in 1941 his son Kenneth W. Morehead took over the management of the business.

The Dayton Creamery Co. was organized in the spring of 1926 and the building erected in May of that year. The first officers were President, R. G. Kelly; Vice president, A. R. Bixler; Secretary, F. J. Bachman; Treasurer, G. D. Goldsmith. In addition to the above named officers there were as directors: E. C. Freese, John Klatt, Wm. Schroeder Sr. It started with 120 patrons selling cream, and the creamery sold 240,000 lbs. of butter the first year.

The business expanded and in 1937 an addition was made to house lockers and a refrigeration system. The lockers were closed out in 1957. In 1948 a house was bought for the creamery manager. In 1951 the warehouse was erected. In 1958 the farmer locker room was remodeled for an office, with an investment of \$30,000 for tank and other equipment on August 1, 1956, the creamery went into the business of buying whole milk. Today the creamery serves 200 patrons and sells 800,000 lbs. of butter annually.

The Dayton Creamery Co. contemplates in the 1959 season a considerable expansion with an expenditure of \$18,000 for a steam boiler, \$14,500 for a dryer, \$10,000 for other equipment to make powdered milk for human consumption. This equipment will have a capacity of drying 70,000 lbs. of milk per day. This equipment will be installed and ready to begin operation about June 1, 1959. This is in addition to their processing whole milk and churning butter.







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The following have been Creamery managers:

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Henry Struck	1927-1930
Albert Gintert	1930-1933
Ray Ribble	1933-1941
Andrew Blackovich	1941
W. L. Weber	1942-1944
E. F. Krueger	1944
W. C. Radeke	1944-1954
Leroy Gade	1954-

#### Bookkeepers

Lavera Kintzel	1939
Velma Schilling	1940
Irma Hulse	1942
Dorothy Miller	1943
Vaneta Rix	1950-52-53
Betty Von Muenster	1953
Ruth Ebers	1953
Neva Hoffner	1954

The hotel at the west end of main street on the north side, was begun by S. S. Crocker, for a residence in 1860. In 1870, E. E. Post added the third story for hotel rooms. Mrs. George Evans ran the hotel, called the Clarence House for many years. It was managed by the following: Lillie Happmaste, George Diven, "Horrible" Horace Woods, George Miller in 1926-27, Lloyd Hockman, L. G. Burton and wife in 1929, owning it till 1941, when J. C. Dettman tore it down. The DX Filling Station was built on the site in 1954.

#### The old hotel in the background.

Dr. Ralph Louck, a veterinarian, built the cement block barn for an office. Since this time it had a variety of uses. The first gasoline filling station was built in front of it, run for many years by the late Dick Meyer.

A shed for many years housed the hose cart for the fire company. In 1920 the town built the present building for a combination City Hall, Polling Place and Fire Station.

In the next place which was originally the first school house in the community, E. K. Wehry had a blacksmith shop from 1891 to about 1904.

The next was a livery stable, the two buildings were operated under the management of F. M. Crow & Frank Culbertson. They also sold farm implements. They sold to Perry "Pug" Ballou, who carried on that line of business till he sold to Ted Perkins in 1925, who erected the present brick building. He sold to Elmer E. Meyer in 1932, who carried on the garage business till 1944, selling to Brodersen & Hansen, who in turn sold to W. F. Kirchner in 1947, the present occupant. For the last thirty years this has been the site of the Ford agency in Clarence.

The small space to the east of the garage once held a restaurant run by a character known as "Never Sweat" Kendall; W. F. Sanctuary used it later for a plumbing shop. It was torn down and stood vacant till W. F. Kirchner erected the cement block building on this site in 1954.





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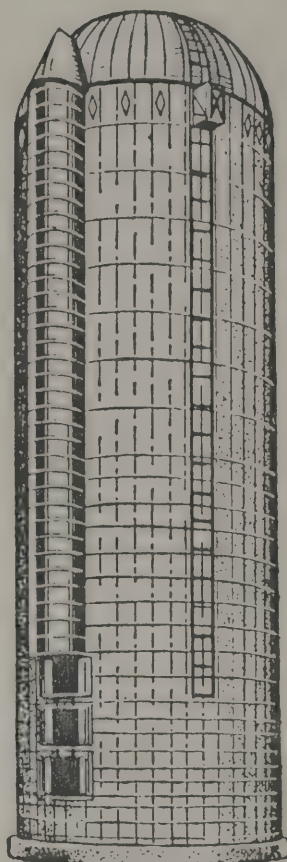
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The frame building housed a general store, operated in the early 1890's by E. O. Campbell. In 1896 a young man 21 years of age then, Chas. E. Martzahn began his business career with Chas. Stoecher and later Peter Lange as business partners on this location. About 1905 Mr. Martzahn sold out to Peter Lange and went into business for himself, buying farm produce. Mr. Lange closed out his stock of goods in 1910. In 1911 the late Chas. E. Decker and Thomas Woods began their store which Mr. Woods took over on Mr. Decker's death in 1925, operating the store till he closed out the stock in 1939. Clarence Bixler established a feed store, which Leroy Kemmann bought from the Bixler estate in 1954.

Mrs. S. S. Crocker had a millinery shop next and a little restaurant operated by her husband Silas Crocker. The building was remodeled and the two buildings consolidated into a restaurant, operated by their son-in-law Joe Herman. He sold to Fred Hoffner in 1909. who operated it till 1930, when Lloyd Hockman took over. Hugo Gehrls followed. Then Fred and Anna Hoffner went back into business again until they sold to Henry and Leona Dircks in 1946, who gave the building an extensive remodeling, calling it the Le-Hi

Cafe, which they have continued to operate to the present time.

The brick building next was erected in 1865 by H. P. Grim. In it he operated a meat market for 23 years, changing to a restaurant in the early 1890'. H. W. Lohman put in a stock of clothing about 1900, after which Abe Donasalski carried on there for a time. In 1913 Schroeder and Yetter put in a stock of clothing importing the late Emil A. Spille as manager. In 1918 Harry Decker took over the store, operating it until 1948, when he sold to Henry Thies who continues to the present.

W. D. G. Cottrell established a bank on the corner location in 1870. It became a National bank and continued in operation until it consolidated with the Clar-Savings Bank in 1930, with no loss to the depositors. In 1935 the Post Office was moved to this location. Later in the year the Clarence Sun moved to the upstairs location from the building across the street. In the basement of this building E. S. Dean once had a butcher shop. The second floor was laid out for and still bears evidence of being the Knights of Pythias lodge room. When that lodge disbanded it was used



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### Clarence Savings Bank

#### NORTH SIDE BEGINNING WITH CORNER

The frame building housed a hardware store for many years. W. K. Miller operated it first, selling to J. M. Erickson in 1891. In 1894 Henry A. Jons took over the business with W. A. Sanctuary doing the tinning and furnace work. Mr. Jons continued that business until 1914 when he was elected Cedar County Treasurer. The building was moved off to make room for the present Clarence Savings Bank building which has occupied the site to the present time.



### W. D. G. Cottrell Bank

as a dentist office successively by Doctors Taylor, Brock, Hageman, Swanson and J. B. Lane, who began his practice in Clarence in 1923.

The Clarence Sun began publication May 9, 1884 by M. Spurlock, followed by J. W. Owens, George Crawford, Clark Smith in 1892, Chas. Seaton in July 1897, Clark Smith again in September 1898, F. W. Compton 1899, J. C. Lewis 1900, Chas. Smith and M. B. Cottrell April 1900, Chas. Seaton again in 1901, continuing until his death in 1952. In 1947 "Editor" Seaton took into business with him his son Harlo, who has continued its publication to the present.



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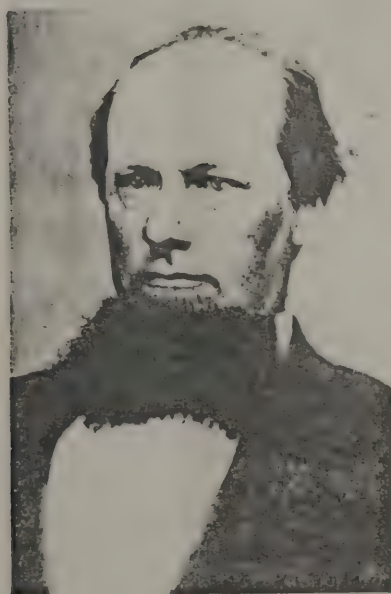
Jerome Hart, father of  
Clarence Hart, first white  
Child born in Clarence.



George E. Smith, druggist  
1869 - 1905.

The next site held a frame building erected in Onion Grove, north of town by James Girard, and moved into town, when the railroad came through. For a short time it held a hardware store. It was bought by Jerome Hart who opened up a drug store. In January 1869 he took in a partner, a young man from Tipton, George E. Smith. He bought out Mr. Hart and continued to operate the

store until he retired in 1905, selling the business but not the brick building, which was erected in 1882, to Chas. E. Park. Mr. Park in 1921 sold to Faye Loupe. In December 1929 the present owner Dewey Rhattigan took over and has continued the business ever since. Thus for over 98 years this site has been occupied by a drug store and since 1869 has been owned by three generations of Smiths — George E., Chas. and Gordon.



Dr. Thomas Coates



Dr. Wm. Greig



D. T. Nicoll, M. D.

The next side housed a frame doctors office, occupied by Thomas Coates, the pioneer physician of this community. He was followed by Dr. Wm. Greig, who sold his practice to Dr. D. T. Nicoll in 1901. He in 1917 to Dr. Frederick Laughlin, in 1921 succeeded by Dr. Arthur Rieke, who sold to Paul Anderson who died in April 1929. The brick building was erected in 1895. It housed doctors' offices in the back, access to which was by a long narrow hallway on the west side of the building. The central front was occupied by James L. Escher for a Jewelry store. Following his death in

1910 the business was bought in June 1911 by a youngman from Iowa City, a Leonard Fictor, who continued to operate the business there till the fall of 1937. The long narrow room to the east was used as a restaurant, operated by Joe Betting, Frank Rummell and John Ohe, and a barber shop by the Shriver brothers, Jesse and Ralph. It was bought in 1922 by Chas. Smith who used it for a casket display room, buying the rest of the building in 1929. Following Chas. Smith's death in 1937 after nearly 42 years of service to the community as a funeral director, the building was remodeled for







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Lewis Hayden's use as a furniture store, who occupied it till the fore part of 1942. G. H. Penningroth bought the building for his Sausage factory in 1945.

The next space was filled for many years by a small frame building occupied by Chris Peterson as a Shoe repair shop. Mr. Peterson was a thrifty Norwegian who became a considerable land owner. He lost his life in an explosion while blasting stumps. The building was bought by Leonard Fictor, who tore it down. The lot stood empty several years till he built the present brick in 1937 for store and office.

This building housed a drug store operated by Wm. H. Blair who came to Clarence in 1874. He sold out in 1913 to the late E. R. Struck, who put in a restaurant, later a moving picture theater. It was bought by J. W. Liercke who remodeled it for an appliance store and residential apartments in 1944.

The Clarence Savings Bank began operations in this building in 1894. It was the incorporation of a private bank operated by Fred Hecht for a number of years previous to its incorporation and sale of stock. It originally had a capital of \$25,000 and in 1897 boasted of deposits in a total of \$40,000. From the beginning one of the moving spirits in its affairs was David Elijah. Thus through the years some member of the Elijah family has been a principal stock holder of this institution. In 1914 the bank built the brick building on the corner moving to that location. Morehead and Merritt moved their barbershop to this location which since housed the barber business of the late C. A. Merritt, who came to Clarence in 1910 and passed away in 1952, his son Wayne continued the business that he grew up in. Associated with him is Clark Workman who has barbered since 1921.

The next location housed at one time a frame shack that was the office of Dr. E. F. Anderson. He sold to John C. Peters, who put up the two story brick building in 1895 which he sold to Fred Hecht, where he operated a general store, selling to F. M. McCarty in

1908. For the last thirty-five years it has housed a Bakery, thirty-three of these being operated by H. J. Tacker, S. S. Crittenden who came to Clarence in 1904 taking over the legal practice of J. P. Ferguson Sr. had his law office for many years on the second floor to be followed in 1939 by E. C. Schluter who in 1956 took in as a partner Durwood Dircks.

On the location east of the bakery was for many years the Fred Hecht warehouse and office. It was a two story frame building, the space on the west was used for a restaurant operated by Jeff Myers, Berschel & Bagley, Hibben Anderson, Wm. Martzahn, Frank Layton and Lewis Burton. The Woiciks when they first came to Clarence lived there before they moved across the street.

The buildings were taken down and the spot stood vacant for several years until E. C. Schluter bought the location and put up the Lumber Yard in 1929, selling to the Ruprechts in 1940.

The Hoffner brothers, Fred and Alfred had a garage here for several years until the corner garage was built in 1916.

C. E. Martzahn moved his Produce Station to this location in 1916. H. W. Meier operated it from 1920 to 1931, selling to C. E. Martzahn again who sold to Leonard Schaffer then Harry Meyer purchased it and sold it to E. C. Hasenbank who operates the produce station now.

A frame building housed the wood working shop of the late Henry Decker. It was taken down in the late 1920's.

The office of J. E. Drake and P. T. Mitchell lumber yard was in a frame building. They sold out to O. M. Donkle who sold to Clarence Coop Co., For several





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years it housed a blacksmith shop operated by C. Z. Mack who died in 1928. Shortly after this building was torn down.

The offices of H. D. Kemmann Sons is the oldest building in town. It was built in 1859 by James Reid of Lowden, grandfather of Ethel Reid Shriver, for a hotel. It came to be owned by Jerome Hart where in February 1863 the first white child born in Clarence put in his appearance. He was named Clarence for the town. Mr. Hart passed away in the fall of 1957 in Sac City, Iowa.

Henry D. Kemmann came to Cedar County in 1875 from LaGrange, Illinois. The same year he established his own business in Lowden, operating a blacksmith shop and farm implement business. In 1904 he established a branch office in Clarence with two sons, Alvin and Henry in charge. In 1909 the business was incorporated as H. D. Kemmann Sons. With the coming of the automobile this line was also added in 1912. Since 1931 the firm has been managed by another son, Walter who is the present manager and president. He is assisted by his son Richard, third generation member of the firm.



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E. E. Martzahn's Produce Station

At one time there were two grain elevators in Clarence. The upper or west one was owned by M. B. Cottrell. At the turn of the century it was operated by Guy Sturdevant. Furnishing the power to run the machinery was a "Waterloo Boy" gasoline engine, one of the first in the community. Later it was operated by H. W. Lohman. The building was taken down as well as the storage granary which was the original Presbyterian Church building, built in 1861.

There was a long shed called the harrow factory which at one time was owned by A. W. Wilcox, who had patented a design for a harrow. The Clarence Telephone Company used it for storage after Mr. Wilcox went out of business. It too was taken down. J. C. Dettman started his implement business there with the erection of the present series of buildings in 1946.

Across the street to the north of the bank was once a small frame building which once stood where the shoe repair shop is now. It was used as an office from 1905 by C. E. Martzahn for his produce business, and it was later E. E. Rowser's veterinarian office. The Ruprecht interests remodeled it for a warehouse.

A building which at one time stood on the corner where the bank is now, was used for storage. Chas. Drake had his office as a fuel dealer and A. W. Lyle who was in the plumbing business from 1922-1940 kept his pipe supply there. It was bought by the Ruprecht Lumber Company and later taken down. In 1957 G. A. Ruprecht put up at considerable investment his Ready-Mix concrete plant on this site.

Coal sheds used by the late J. E. Drake and the upper lumber yard are next.

#### THE CLARENCE CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY

In the beginning of the year 1919 a group of farmers of the Clarence community felt there was a need for a Co-operative to handle lumber, building material, coal and feed in this community: Hence, a meeting was called on February 1, 1919 in Equity Hall, Clarence, Iowa at which time nine directors were elected to direct the organization to be known as The Clarence Co-operative Company. The nine directors were: E. C. Schluter, George Hansen, A. R. Bixler, Wm. Bachmann, Wm. Freese, John Greig, Wm. Smith, Earl Elijah, and Paul Pruess. E. C. Schluter was elected president, John Greig vice-president, Earl Elijah, secretary, and Wm. Bachmann, treasurer. A charter was issued on February 26, 1919, with a capital stock of \$20,000.00 for which shares were sold at \$100.00 per share. This proved to be inadequate so the capital stock was increased to \$50,000.00 in 1920 with an additional drive for new members and capital.

The site and stock of Donkle Brothers lumber yard was purchased and F. M. Darling was hired as first manager. A new lumber shed was erected in 1920 and other facilities added. In 1929 the elevator of Wilder Grain was purchased. The Company grew over the years, having both good and bad years along with the times.

In 1939 after 20 years of successful operations, the charter was renewed. Membership was reduced to \$10.00 per share instead of \$100.00, making it easier for the new members to join. Services for members were added and expanded through the years and new members joined.

A new elevator and feed mixing plant were constructed in 1945, and such facilities as an oat huller, crimper, and grinder were added. In 1949 three storage tanks were erected for storing Commodity Credit Corporation grain and in 1955 a flat storage building was added. These facilities provide storage for nearly 100,000 bushels of corn.





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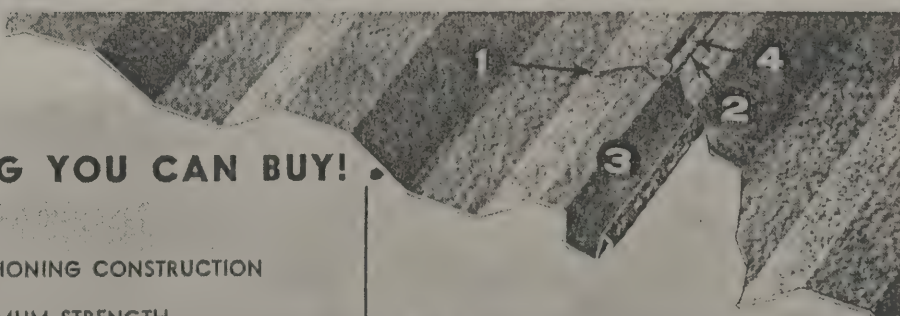
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As business continued to grow, additional services and space were needed; thus, a storage building was added for storing feed and fertilizer and a few years later another was added.

In 1957 due to changes in the Co-operative law, it was found advisable to reorganize, dividing the membership stock into Class A and Class B Certificates, Class A being the producer memberships with eligibility to vote on the policy of the Co-operative and to hold office.

Further facilities and services were added in 1958 when a bulk feed truck was purchased and a new and larger feed mill was installed in the elevator.

The Clarence Cooperative Company has also been interested in the young people of the community. Each year the expenses have been paid for a number of boys and girls chosen to attend youth camps. The Co-operative has sponsored a Youth Public Speaking Contest in which several of our young people have qualified to enter the statewide contest. It has co-operated with other community organizations in a Co-op Day each year and recently has added a 4-H party for the young people.

The growth of the Co-operative has been phenomenal: the fixed assets increased from \$8,362.95 in 1919 to \$215,693.97 in 1958. The savings for the first year of operation was \$2,022.00, while in 1958 the savings was \$66,010.78. A total of \$681,193.31 in savings since 1939 has been allocated to the patrons in the form of allocated patronage dividends. This is after taxes have been paid.

Officers, directors, and managers who have directed the policy of the Co-operative through the years of its existence are as follows:

**PRESIDENTS** - E. C. Schluter, J. W. Greig, Earl Elijah, Hy Von Muenster, and R. J. Dircks.

**SECRETARIES** - Earl Elijah, Harry Freeman, J. W. Greig, Walter Leinbaugh, and F. J. Bachmann.

**MANAGERS** - F. M. Darling, Wm. Whitney, E. C. Schluter, E. D. Springer, John Nie, Marvin Schilling, F. H. Jurgensen, and Harold Muesing and Hubert Meier.

#### DIRECTORS:

E. C. Schluter  
Earl Elijah  
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Paul Pruess  
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Lester Kelly  
Norman Bergmann  
Walter Geadelman  
Frank Miller  
E. C. Freese

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F. J. Bachmann  
Edwin Decker  
R. J. Dircks  
Ray Stange

Leonard Schafer  
Mearl Bixler  
Warren Claney  
Melvin Hasselbusch  
Erwin Niermeyer

**Present employees:** Yard Manager, Harold Muesing; Elevator Manager, Hubert Meier; Bookkeeper, Cecil Bowman, Elwood Hasselbusch, Earl Bark, Otto Hasenbank, Ron Kreinbring, Darrell Evers, Merlin Kreinbring, Verlyn Krafock, Howard Buckley.

The location south of the three story brick building on Third Street was occupied by a story and a half frame building built with a divided front with center doors and display windows and living quarters in the rear reached by a porch along the south side of the building. For many years it housed the Millinery shop of Miss Sadie Neely. After her death it was bought by W. C. Thomsen in 1909. It knew a variety of uses, barber shop, plumbing shop, residential apartments, the music studio of Victoria Aylesworth. Fred Long had his millinery shop there. About 1934 the American Petroleum Company established a filling station there managed by Howard Ballou. Shortly after 1940 the building was torn down. Wm. B. Banks bought the location in 1945 and built up his substantial brick store and residential apartments where he houses his television and radio sales and repair business which he diligently conducts.

The Equity Shipping Association was organized in the fall of 1917 by a small group of farmers that met in a schoolhouse located just east of what is now the Chas. Starr farm. At first lumber, coal, mill feeds, twine, salt, apples, potatoes and even coffee were handled by the organization. The first carload of hogs was shipped to market on November 1, 1917. One of our local citizens, Mr. Otto Kahl, helped to mark and load the same. In the year 1919 the organization became known as the Clarence Shipping Association. The first board of directors was Chris Kline, H. H. Phillips, Chas. Techau, M. W. Long and John Ibsen. Managers in order were K. Lentz, Frank Albert, Harry Cashman, Arthur Bachman, M. W. Long, Arnold Pruess, Chris Griem and Clarence Bixler. The organization continued to prosper in 1947 in excess of a million dollars worth of stock was sold on the Chicago market. But the group gave way to the direct trucking industry and disbanded in 1950.

The transportation business in this community has involved many colorful personalities. The coming of the automobile brought a demand for improved graveled, oiled roads and paving. The Lincoln highway was paved in 1927. Previously, farmers had hauled hogs to the stockyards in wagons or driven in cattle on foot for shipment. Rollie Robinson, Clarence Bixler, and Otto Bark were the pioneer truck operators. The late Myrl Cashman trucked the first hogs to go direct to the Chicago market. In the early 1930's Herbert and Wilfred Goldsmith, Frank Miller and Willard Hoyman, later Hoyman and Kelding, Licht and Moore, Elmer Kline, John Kahl, Chris Kline, Karl Krafock, Forrest Woods, Clar-

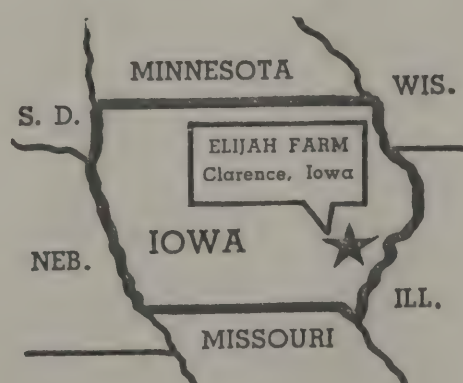


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ence Drake conducted the trucking business in this community. Those were the times when the bed of a semi trailer was 18 or 22 feet long. Later Werling and Scott served the shippers' needs. During the war the most of the livestock was marketed through the Clarence Shipping Association.

The Bixler Brothers, Donald and James, started trucking as soon as they returned from the army, expanding their business to the present 4 straight trucks and 5 semi trailer outfits. Everett Bixler, owner and operator of one truck hauls hogs to the east coast, and steel or manufactured goods to Chicago or Cedar Rapids on the return trip. The Frahm Brothers, Freeman and Norman, began trucking in 1940. As business permitted they expanded their business until they have 6 straight trucks and 3 semi trailers. They bought the ground and erected their storage shop in 1955.

George D. Shriver and Randall Sander began trucking in 1955 and now own one semi trailer and two straight trucks.

Dr. J. E. Smith, M. D. located in Clarence in September, 1900. He lived in apartments over the present bakery at first, later building the fine combination residence and office on the east side of Third Street which is now owned by George D. Shriver. In 1925 he built the combination residence and office on the west side of the street which has continued to be his center of operations where he raises the flowers and admires the forms of life a varied nature provides. He is one of the oldest automobile drivers having owned a car continuously since 1903. In September 1950 a community wide celebration was held honoring his fifty years of service to ailing humanity.

Dr. H. A. Bouschlicher, Chiropractor, started his practice in the year of 1936. A special feature of his work is that he does his work through darkness because he is blind. He attended school at the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School at Vinton and college in Chicago.

There is a long time veterinary tradition in the community first by Dr. Frater then E. E. Rowser. In 1934 S. G. Paul came to Clarence, with his knowledge of modern science he has greatly prospered. He induced his brother John to come in 1947 to this community to take care of the artificial insemination. He and his son, Wayne Paul, carry on that work. A native son, Ronald Goldsmith, began his veterinary practice here in 1957.

In 1940 Darwin M. Beck, came to Clarence from Springfield to open a funeral home. In 1947 he sold to Paul Chapman of Tipton who has since carried on enlarging his business by the purchase of similar businesses in Lowden in connection with a furniture store, and Wheatland. He has associated with him Gene Dittmer, a native of Durant.

We should not omit the filling station at the west end of town erected in 1932 by J. C. Dettman. It was operated as a Sinclair Station for thirteen years by Leonard Conrad who sold it in 1954 to Lavern Kintzel and he to



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Comes time when that Roll is called Up High,  
I reckon The Doc will sure "get by";  
For he's put bounce back in that boy of mine,  
And fixed up neighbors - me too - just fine!*

Jack Cashman. It is now currently operated as a Phillips 66 Station by the Ray Ingrams.

Fred H. Miller began the operation of Sinclair bulk delivery tank truck in 1946 taking on with him his son, Robert. Leonard Schaefer operated a similar truck for Sinclair people in the early 1940's. Arnold Kahl drove the Cities Service truck from 1946 until he was badly burned in a fire in 1948. Lowell Smothers has operated the Cities Service truck since 1950. Durant Rogers the Farm Service Company truck since 1952. Woodrow Stock the Standard Oil Company truck since 1939. Donald M. Claney, the DX Sunray truck since December, 1956.

The property to the East of the Clarence Co-operative





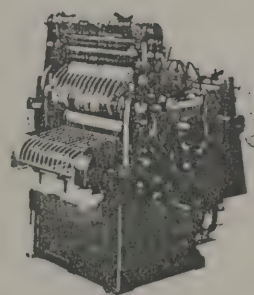
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has known a number of uses and occupants. It was the home for many years of James Beach, a basket maker who carried on that trade from 1876 until his death in 1910. His workmanship was of a very substantial character working with hickory shoots. A number of his pieces have survived to the present. In the 1920's it became the home of the Fred Frahm family who operated a blacksmith shop there. As the Frahm brothers began their trucking business the shop was their storage space, with the expansion of their business they erected a storage shed in the west part of town. In 1956 the house was moved to its present location in west Clarence and a gasoline filling station was erected on the site which has been leased to the Sinclair Refining Company and is presently operated by Reid Thein.

The longest established carpenter and contractor bears the name of Sheldon. George W. Sheldon came here from Delmar in 1917 to follow his trade. Many houses and barns in this area are the result of his workmanship. On his death in 1951 his sons, Dale, Gilbert and Dean have capably carried on the family tradition. Several men had their apprenticeship under the Sheldon auspices. Herman Hunwardsen beginning there went for himself in 1939 now having a finely equipped shop. Robert Hunwardsen works with his father. Fred Debner began carpentering in 1931 with him is his son, Wilbur. They specialize in cabinet work in the shop they erected in 1956. Then we have the handy men John and Henry Hasenbank.

Our long time painter is Fred Phillips who began that work in 1915. Now retired, his son, Lloyd, artistically carries on that tradition. J. E. Shriver has also painted and hung paper since 1919 as has Ray Hefflefinger since 1922. In a class by himself in Edward Albert, painter, electrician, plumber, an accomodating handyman. Lavern Kintzel specializes in repairing and installation of house heating systems. Norbert Ebert started to paint and paper in 1949.

Louise Roelf has been beautifying the ladies of the community since 1938, first in the old postoffice building down town then in her home in the first Dr. J. E. Smith residence and since 1953 in the apartments in her home at the summit of Third Street. Ruth Abel Lubkemann was the first beauty operator in the community in the early 1930's as was Mildred Kreinbring Tacker.

Helen Christophersen Thies began the beauty culture work in 1941 and currently continues in her home. Beverly Long Steinke has carried on a shop in the Lubkemann apartments from 1956 until the disastrous fire of January 4, 1959. In early spring she combined with Helen's Beauty Shop now known as Helen's and Beverly's Beauty Shop.

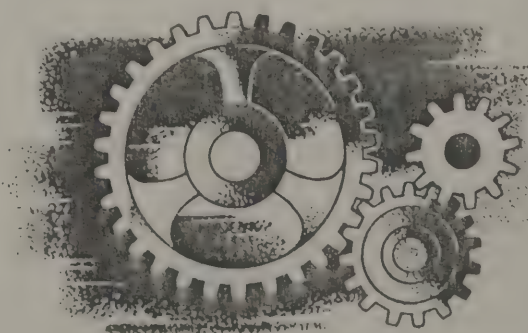
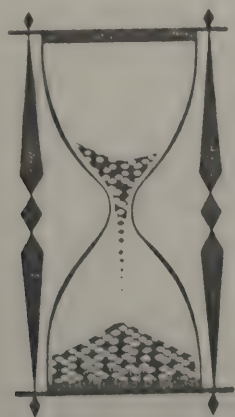
John Hunwardsen started his career of machinery repair with H. D. Kemmann Sons in 1933. He later in 1944 built a shop on the alley of his then residence on Second Street where he carried on a prosperous repair business. In 1954 he bought the Kinney residence at the south end of town where he built the combination residence and repair shop which he operated with his brother-in-law, Marvin Horn, until October, 1958 since then as sole proprietor. John has added to the general farm equipment repair the agency for the Minneapolis-Moline farm implements.

In 1946 Leo Blake and family of Mediapolis came to Clarence. He bought the location and erected a tile building three blocks south of the intersection of Lombard and Fourth Street, in which he began the local dealership of the well known line of John Deere farm implements. In 1951 he sold the business to Ralph Christiansen of Anamosa who with his brother-in-law, Lavern McVay, Merle Feddersen and Glenn Miller continue to operate this business which has greatly expanded.

In the summer of 1958 Winston Wessel of Low Moor bought a tract of ground at the East edge of Clarence from Arnold Pruess on which he has erected a suitable building for the display and servicing of the International Harvester line of farm implements, which agency Mr. Wessel took over from the H. D. Kemmann Sons interests which they had followed for many years.

In 1954 Russell Lovell and wife bought the residence where John Hunwardsen conducted his repair shop. Mr. Lovell had begun furniture repair and upholstery on the farm which he greatly expanded since coming to town. "Bud" is a busy man rebuilding and restyling furniture.

In 1950 Erwin R. Frahm started his wood sawing of native lumber. He took on an employee, Ted Clemmens, who has continued with him in the business.



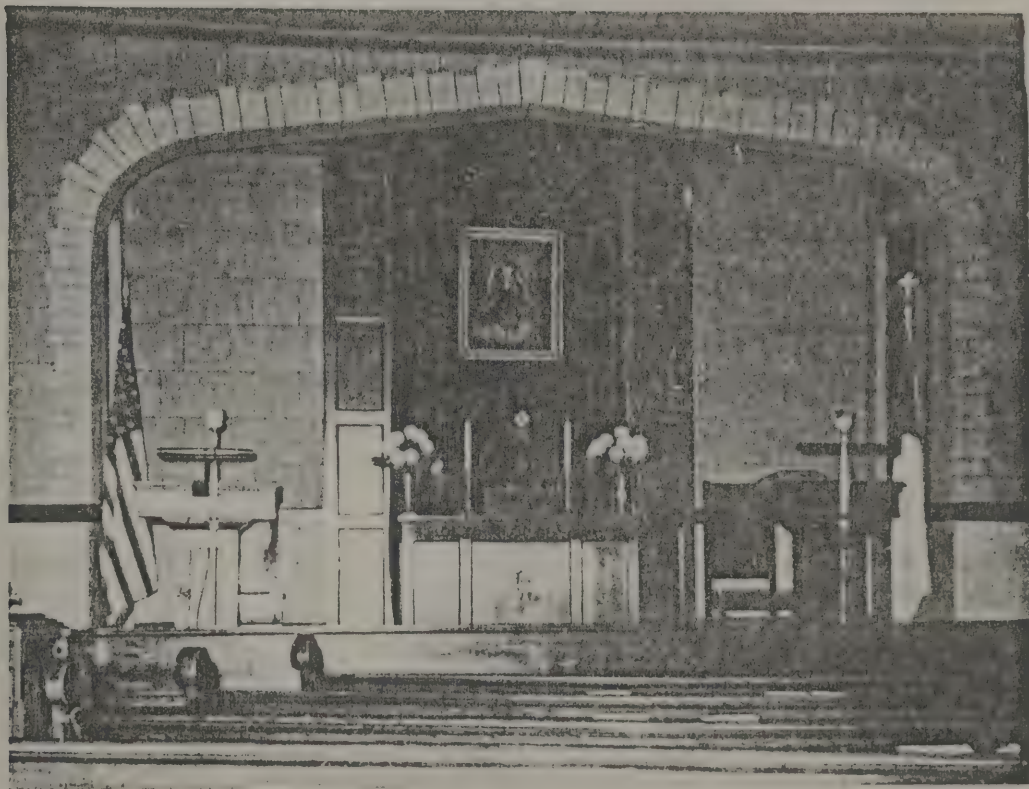




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#### HISTORY OF THE CLARENCE SCHOOLS

It is thought that the first school was taught in a loft over Fish and Gere's store which stood on the site now occupied by the Baltisberger and Kline Department store.

In this early day during the Civil War period "select schools" were taught by tutors. Eunice Frink and Howard Bell were teachers who held these schools in their homes during the first decade of Clarence school history.

About 1865 the first public school house was built on the property where Kermit Roelf and Lavern Kintzel now live. It was a small one-room frame building. Mattie Johnson was the first teacher. Some of the time the school was so large that the "overflow" had to attend

the "select schools". There was no grade organization in this first school. Teachers were paid \$15 per month.

Lizzie Freese and Joshua Hammond were the other teachers who served during the days of the one-room school.

Two interesting incidents were recalled by Mrs. Eliza Cruise, of that early day. She remembered well the time, when as a small child, she saw the schoolmaster's head bowed over his desk, and later learned that he had been asked to resign because the "big boys" were too much of a discipline problem. The other incident recalled by her was the time when the first



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- Psalm 100

*"O Master, deign this Church to bless,  
This House of Prayer, this home of rest,  
And let its door a gateway be  
To Lead us from ourselves to Thee."*

- Whittier







Clarence School 1908

pair of over-shoes ever worn in Clarence, a clumsy overboot made out of horse hide with the hair on the inside, were given to Fred Schaaf during the very cold winter.

This first school building, after serving its usefulness as the seat of learning in Clarence, was moved to a site on Main street and was torn down at the time the Ford garage was built in 1926.

The first graded school building in Clarence was erected in 1868, at a cost of \$9,000 including grounds. It was a wooden building of two stories; four large school rooms, two recitation rooms and one music room, a small library and some modern apparatus. The building was built after a plan proposed by W. B. Hanna, and in many respects, was a model of convenience although Mr. Hanna was not a practical architect. The building was erected by A. D. Young, contractor and builder, of Vail, in Crawford county. The only objection to the building was that it was built from lumber not properly seasoned, and the failure of Mr. Hanna to make provisions to deaden the floor. An admirable feature was a large hall, intended for a play hall. In time of rain or bad weather, when scholars could not go out on the open ground, this was a great advantage, "It is true," said Mr. Stuffs, the principal, "that it is sometimes like bedlam turned loose, but as the scholars of the different rooms have recess at the same time the noise is not so objectionable."

W. T. Stubbs was the principal in charge of the school, a position he held for eight years and one term, 1870-1879. The average daily attendance of scholars during the winter of 1878 was 165.

The yard was furnished with a new well and walks,

the house repainted and blinds put on, and the lightning rod, injured in 1874 when the house was struck by lightning, was replaced by a new one.

The average length of the school year in the 1870's was nearly 38 weeks; the longest having contained forty, and the shortest thirty-five. The school did not attain its full membership in a day, a term, or a year, but with a roll call on the first morning of only seventeen, it went on increasing. In the spring term of the second year the enrollment reached forty-three and in the following winter sixty. In the fall term of 1873 it was seventy, the largest number ever enrolled in one term. Up to this time there had been but three departments. It now became necessary to add another and to regrade the school. The membership during the whole twenty-eight terms had been three hundred and ten.

Earliest available records date back to the fall term of 1883. G. F. Skinner was principal then. He and his wife served the school until 1891, a period of eight years.

In that early day the elementary school was divided into three groups: Primary, Intermediate and Grammar rooms.

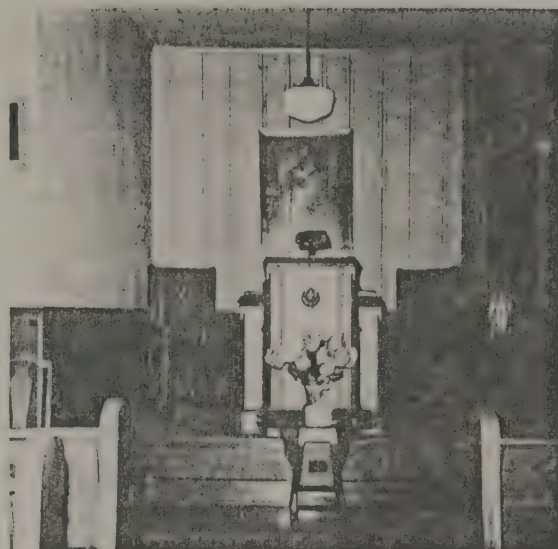
Carrie Decker, Emily Graves and Minnie Boling, taught the Grammar room from 1883 to 1892. Subjects included the three R's, Grammar and Spelling. Declamation and Physiology appeared in 1887.

In the high school the Skinner's had an enrollment of 57 in the fall term, 59 in the winter and 29 during the spring session in 1883 - 1884. Pupils ranged in age from 13 to 21. It was during this term the fourth year





# The CHURCH Of The BRETHREN



In the late 1840's and '50s, Pennsylvania Dutch immigrants crossed the Mississippi at Davenport, and took up their residence west of Tipton. In 1852, they built a modest house of worship, four miles west of Tipton. By 1893, most of the membership were located north-east of Tipton. J. M. Wingerd offered an acre of ground, if a church building should be erected. This proposal was utilized. So midway between Clarence and Tipton, is still the location of the Church of the Brethren. Through the years, it has maintained a membership of about forty.

In June of 1942, the fifty year old building was destroyed by fire. It was immediately replaced by the present commodious structure.

The free-ministry was carried on for many years by Elders John Zuck and U. J. Fike. About 1950, Rev. Paul Wingerd became its first salaried minister, with a tenure of five years. The next year and one half Rev. Paul Bechtold filled the pulpit. Then followed in succession the Seminary students: Delbert Kettering and Lowell Ritchie. The present Pastor is Rev. M. C. Branson.



of the high school curriculum was added. Joe Fell was the first student to meet the requirements of graduation under the modern four year plan, being the only graduate in 1884.

In looking through the records one pupil was more outstanding than all the rest. During his high school course Charles Smith received one grade of 95%, one of 97%, and all the rest were scored 100%.

J. A. McLaughlin guided the destinies of the local school from 1891-1892. No record can be found showing who taught Primary. Mrs. Alex Grant instructed the intermediates, Minnie Boling had the Grammar group, and Gertrude Simmons was assistant Principal.

J. H. Morgan's regime began in 1892 and ran through to 1904. Few changes were made in the management of the school although Mr. Morgan added Elocution in 1894.

Some teachers who worked in the Morgan era were: Primary - Mrs. Lulu B. Ramsey came during his stay but no record of other primary teachers is available. Intermediate - Mrs. Alex Grant, Elma Sheldon, Edith Brink, Dora Evers, Clara Wallace and Lucy Woods. Grammar Grades - Minnie Boling, Violet Starr, Lydia Bauman and Myrtle Bixler.

Gertrude Simmons was Mr. Morgan's faithful assistant for many years in the high school.

L. B. Stewart was elected to superintend the school in 1904. The record shows writing appearing under its modern name, Penmanship.

From 1905 to 1909 M. R. Fayram came to head the school. He instituted the first modern curriculum and divided the school year into two semesters instead of the three term plan.

In 1906 music was given a place in every grade in the school for the first time.

Mr. H. H. Kent was elected principal in 1909 and served the school one year. The record shows the following classics read that year: "Macbeth", "Last of the Mohicans", "Twice Told Tales", "Silas Marner", and "Treasure Island".

J. R. Neveln, whose three brothers were Iowa school superintendents, was selected by the board in 1910.

E. I. Heuer was superintendent from 1913-1914.

Henry Irons came to serve the school faithfully and well from 1914 to 1927, a period which saw many changes including a building program and consolidation. The community was most fortunate in being able to hold the services of a man whose shrewdness and keen business ability kept the educational opportunities for its children at such a high level. Truly the Irons regime was outstanding among the group of educators who have served the Clarence Schools.

On March 8, 1915, a \$30,000 bond issue for a new building carried by a four to one majority. The rural districts were given the opportunity to vote on consolidation before the new building contracts were let. On March 29, 1915 the vote still stood against consolidation.

In 1921 an effort was made to purchase additional ground to meet the expansion of the enrollment and afford much needed playground space. A \$22,500 bond issue was placed before the people and carried, but the bonding company found the election illegal and on the second attempt the issue was voted down.

In 1927 R. J. Kidder was elected superintendent when Henry Irons resigned after 12 years of faithful service.

In 1929 Irving Finger came to direct the school. He was responsible for our outdoor playground equipment. He established a new type of discipline and left a new set of records for his successor.

Keith L. Benner was elected superintendent in 1931 and guided the school for the next seven years.

The "New Deal" was probably responsible for the new addition which made the Clarence school plant one of the finest in Iowa. Ever since consolidation our school has been crowded; the stage was inadequate, the gymnasium far too small, and there were not enough classrooms. The Board of Education was told of the P. W. A. grants for new buildings. Investigation showed that they had the support of the public without government help. The election, for a \$20,000 bond issue which was held twice, is a matter of history. It carried three to one the last time.

The new addition was built at a cost of \$29,000 in the summer of 1934. It contained the best combination gymnasium-auditorium in this section of Iowa. The laying floor is 45 by 68. The stage has a 34 foot opening and crowds of 800 people can be accommodated at plays and basketball games. New class rooms, commodious locker space, a kitchen and spacious halls meant an outlet for the over crowded situation that prevailed before 1934. A new office for the superintendent, which lessens the administrative problem, was included in the new arrangement.

From a staff of four teachers in the beginning the school faculty once boasted 16 but was operating with 12 in 1938. The school enrollment had reached 266. The simple games and playtime activities of the early days has been succeeded by competitive sports in which the school has shared with pardonable pride.

The trophy case in the new building holds a score of silver and bronze awards which are emblematic of team championships in girls basketball, baseball, boys basketball and track.

The Girls basketball team won district honors, two sectionals, two conference championships, and a county title during 1935-36. They were undefeated on the home floor during these last three years and won 48 games and lost 12 during that time.

The high school principal Jenna Beadle heads the list of those who have performed faithfully and well over a long span of years. Miss Beadle came to Clarence in 1919 and taught here for 27 years. Mrs. Lulu Ramsey taught primary for thirty years or more and Arly Glen-



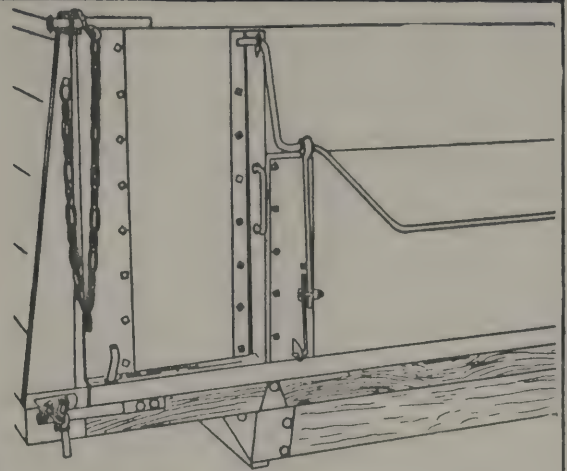


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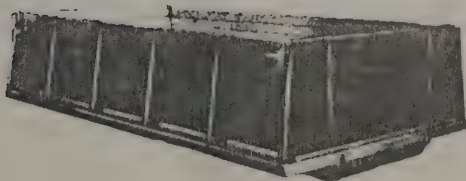
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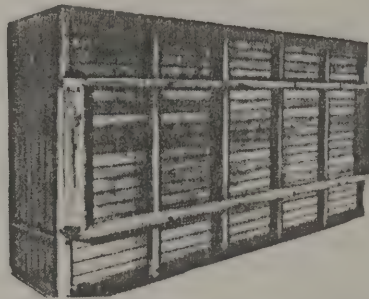
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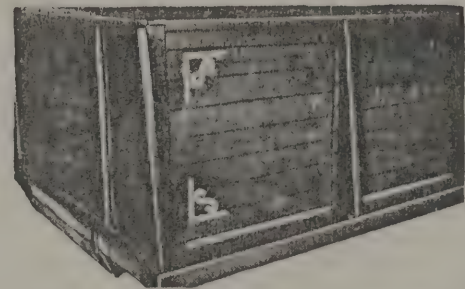
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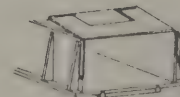
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denning is numbered on the list of those whose tenure was lasting.

The enrollment in the Clarence School during the 1946-47 school year was 209. The enrollment for the 1958-59 school year is 375. The change in size during that time has been brought about mainly through two new consolidations. In 1952 eleven  $3/4$  sections were added from Dayton, and Vassillon Townships and a small part of Jones County. In 1954 15  $3/4$  sections were added from Fairfield Township. This last consolidation changed the name of the school to Clarence Community Schools with a total of 53  $1/4$  Sections. In 1947 there were 24 people working for the school district, at the present time there are 34.

In 1953 a Bond Election was passed for \$250,000.00 for reconstruction and equipping the old buildings and building and furnishing an addition. Construction was started early in 1954 and the building was first used in the fall of 1955. The new addition consists of grade rooms, music rooms, shop, agriculture, and a multi-purpose room. The old building has been changed over to make room for a larger dining room, a new science room, and a new home economics room.

In 1958 a questionnaire was sent out to the graduates from the past ten years. This study showed that over 60% of our graduates during that time have gone on to College or have taken some other type of advanced work beyond High School level.

During the past twelve years 95 Athletic Trophies and 123 Division I Ratings in the State have been won by the Clarence students in State Final Music Contests.

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1891 - 1892	J. A. McLaughlin
1892 - 1904	J. H. Morgan
1904 - 1905	L. B. Stewart
1905 - 1909	M. R. Fayram
1909 - 1910	H. H. Kent
1910 - 1913	J. R. Neveln
1913 - 1914	E. I. Heuer
1914 - 1927	Henry Irons
1927 - 1929	R. J. Kidder
1929 - 1931	Irving Finger
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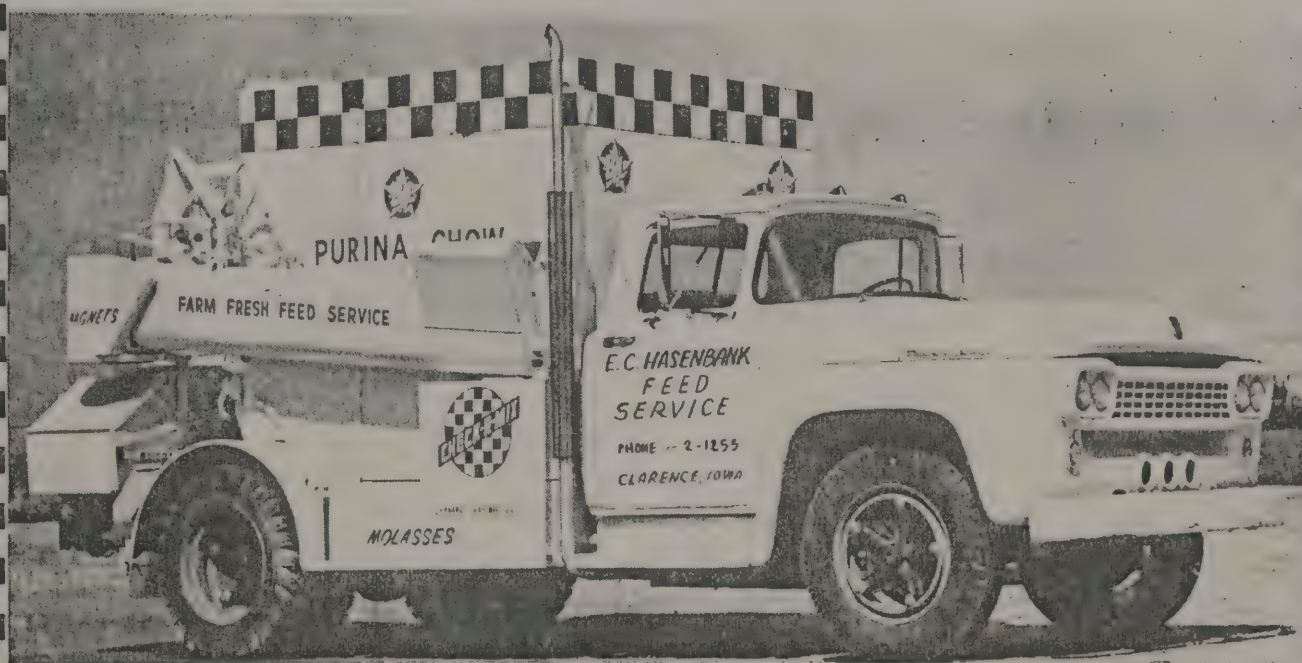
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Presbyterian Church 1911

#### CLARENCE CHURCHES

Clarence has known a variety of Churches in its time. The oldest in the village was the Presbyterian. It was organized on November 14, 1860, in the loft of Fish and Gere's store, which stood where the B & K Store is now. The sermon was preached by Daniel Clark, who is buried in the Clarence cemetery. A building was erected in the summer of 1861, which housed the congregation until a new structure took its place in the year 1882. The older building was moved a block north and was used for cob storage, at the west elevator, till it was torn down. The Church prospered and bought a parsonage for the minister, the present home of the Gordon Smiths'. It was occupied by N. H. Downing in the late 1880's. who gave the dedicatory address at the laying of the corner stone of the Evangelical Church. In 1897 this was sold and the residence now occupied by Vern Freeman was bought. D. M. Ogilvie was minister in 1901 to 1907, followed by J. L. Cotton; Peter Bock; Alex English 1912-17; Maurice Nies 1918-19; R. F. Chambers 1919-24; Dwight Krumboltz 1924-28; P. W. Jacobson 1928-33; Robert McDaniel 1933-35 and John Anderson the summer of 1936. The church disbanded and the property was sold in 1938, the building to H. D. Kemmann and Sons, the house to Vern Freeman.

The United Presbyterian Church was started in November 1860, also they erected a building on the corner east of the school house. It was never a very prosperous organization, comprising the Safely, Chisholm, David Claney and James and E. F. Anderson families,

In the late 1890's it went down and the remaining members united with the Presbyterian Church. It produced two young men who became ministers of prominence in their denomination, A. R. "Rollie" Paul and John Pollock. The building was moved about 1900 to the east part of town and remodeled for a residence now owned by K. C. Frink.

In the late 1870's there were several families in this area that were attracted to the Seventh Day Adventist doctrines of keeping the seventh day of the week or Saturday as the day of rest and worship, particularly the John Dorcas, George Fields, and James Beach families. They erected a small building on the site of Mrs. Helen Norberg's present home. The work did not last and the building was sold to the Evangelical Church which moved it to their location, where it was used for for the parochial school house till it was torn down in 1940.

It was an Irishman, Wm. Flanagan, pioneer depot agent, who was instrumental in organizing the Lutheran Church in 1861. Besides the Flanagans who were related to the Albert Miller and James Claney families, the prominent families were the Gortner and Decker families. They built in 1865 a commodious building 26 x 45 foot at a cost of \$4,500 on the site of the Lavern Kintzel home. The congregation was never large or prosperous. The Evangelical people used the building for services until they constructed their own building in 1889. The organization disbanded and the late Samuel Shuck tore the building down in 1903, working the material in







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Presbyterian Church after the storm of June 29, 1929.

the residence occupied by Lavern Kintzel. However in the northeast corner of the basement wall, the corner stone upside down is still visible bearing the inscription, "St. Paul's Lutheran Church 1865".

The railroad construction was done by Irish labor, When the road bed was done, a number of these men stayed to work on the section. This brought the Cosgriff, Kane, Curley, Curran and Doyle families to the community. Being loyal Catholics, a small church was built for their use in the season of 1877. It was served by priests from Toronto and Mechanicsville. The families were never many and the younger generation going to the cities and the older generation dying off, till there were only three families left. The building was bought by J. C. Dettman, which stood on the site of W. W. Weatherwax home and was taken down in 1933. The seats from this Church are still in use in the Toronto Community Church.

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church of Clarence is almost as old as the town itself, having been organized following the appointment of the first minister, Rev. J. W. Kynett November 23, 1862. He was then serving the Pioneer, now Mechanicsville, Circuit. The text of his first sermon was the 20th verse of the 4th chapter of First Corinthians: "For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." He did not finish the year, leaving on Feb-

ruary 15, 1863, but we read that the first class was organized by his successor, the Rev. John Scoles, with brother Samson as the leader of that first class.

In 1865, Clarence was detached from the Pioneer Circuit to become a part of the Lowden Circuit. In 1867, with the Rev. R. G. Hawn as Pastor, a lot was purchased and about \$2,400 raised by subscription to build the first church, under the leadership of W. A. Allen. The church building was completed and dedicated on October 10, 1869. W. J. Kirkpatrick the gospel song writer, then resident of the community, led the choir on the day of dedication.

The parsonage was erected in 1877 during the pastorate of Rev. T. J. Spry. In 1870, Clarence became a station charge with J. A. Kerr as pastor. And we read that by the close of the year, 1872, the Church had 43 members, here we come across the first statement concerning any Sunday School work, to find the "Sunday School flourishing with 150 pupils, and 11 teachers, and H. W. Macomber as Superintendent."

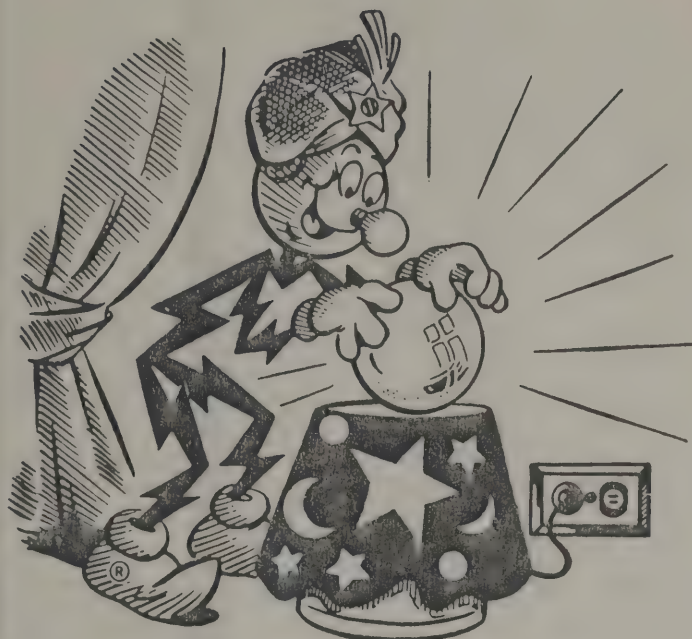
The Church prospered under some of its pastors and held its own under the leadership of others. There were the lean years. But probably the most severe experience to the Church was on the night of January 2, 1919, when the Church building caught on fire from an overheated furnace and burned to the ground. However, the spirit of the people is revealed when we find that by December 21, 1919, they moved into the present brick





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structure built at a cost of \$29,000. Five men each gave \$1,000 apiece to make this possible. They were C. E. Read, C. G. Sawyer, Wm. McClellan, Wm. Welty, and Jacob Gortner.

Sometime during those early years of the Church there was organized the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and the Home Mission Society. We do not have the record other than to be able to say that some of our people who have lived here all of their lives remember being members of these two organizations.

The Ladies Aid was organized here on September 17, 1925 under the leadership of Rev. Wm. J. Macauley. Mrs. Harry Cashman was the first president, while Mrs. Edwin Schluter was vice president; Mrs. E. C. Dean was treasurer and Mrs. T. R. Perkins was secretary. This Society functioned until September 13, 1941.

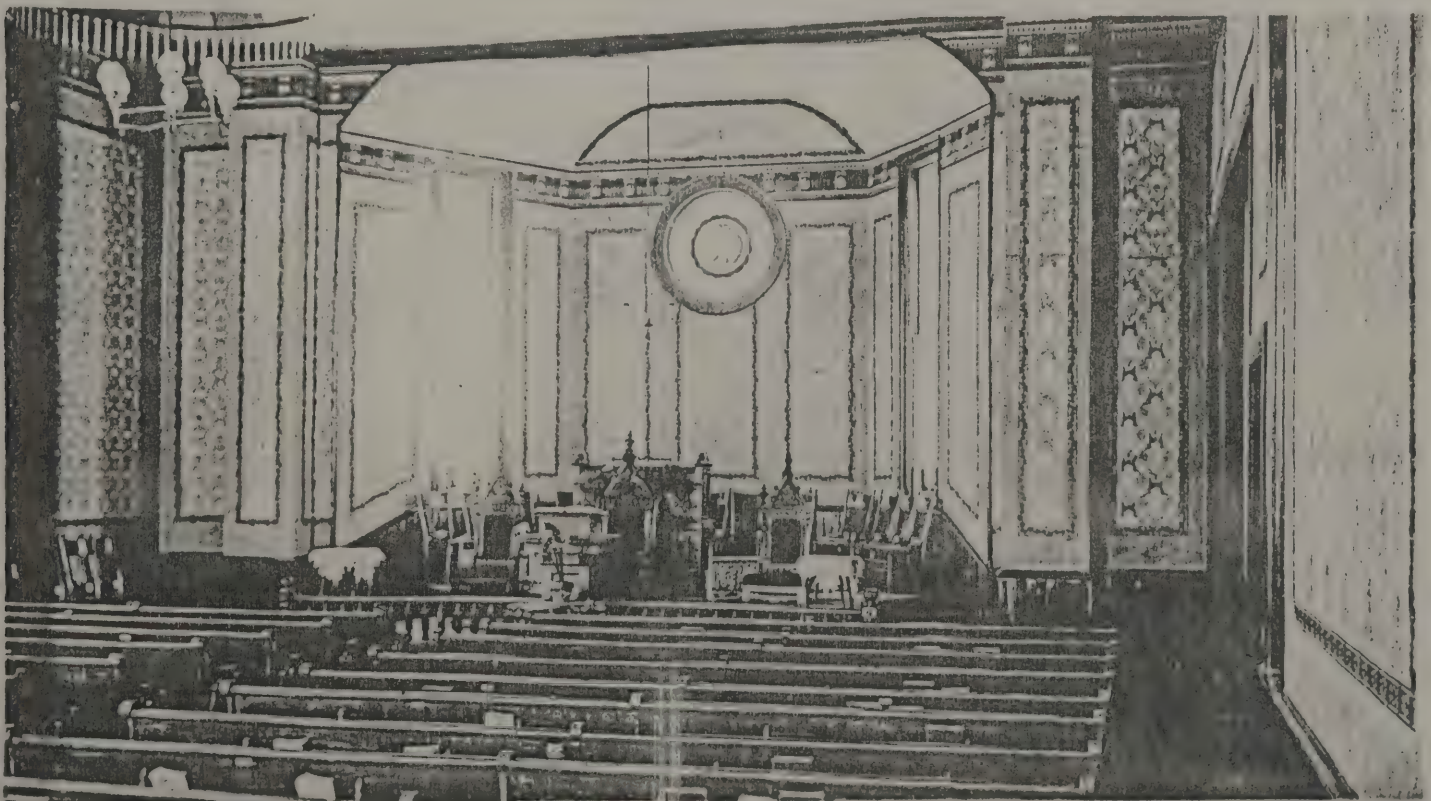
With the unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, to become the Methodist Church, the General Conference set up a plan for all women's organizations to become one group, called the Woman's Society of Christian Service. So under the leadership of the Rev. A. B. Chamberlain, the women of the church here met on September 13, 1941, to reorganize their past groups into the local society of the Women's Division of Christian Service. At that meeting, Mrs. Earl Elijah was chosen as president; Miss Lydia Bauman as treasurer, and Mrs. Robert Decker as secretary. Mrs. Edwin Schluter, who had served as organizational vice president of the Ladies Aid, was also chosen to serve in that same office in the W.S.C.S. There were 62 members at the charter meeting. The following received life memberships through the years: Mrs. Harry Cashman, Mrs.



Methodist Church built in 1869.

Interior of Methodist Church

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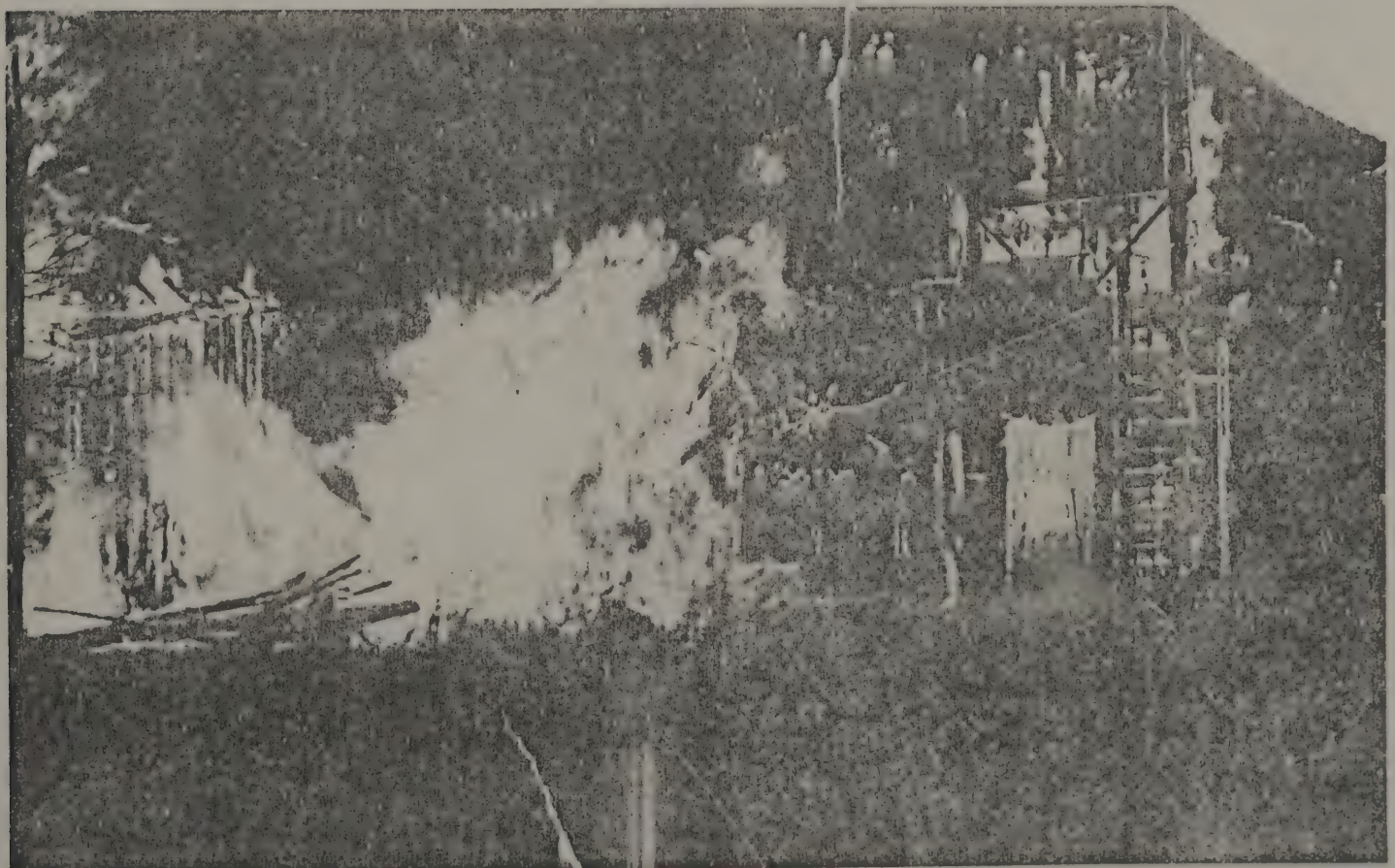
Those who have served as Ministers of this Church since 1900 are:

W. H. Doner	1901-1904
M. J. Locke	1904-1906
R. D. Parsons	1906-1907
A. M. McIntosh	1907-1908
W. M. Lemen	1908-1909
S. S. Smith	1909-1921
K. E. Anderson	1921-1923
Wm. J. Macauley	1923-1927
J. W. Bearse	1927-1930
R. C. Scott	1930-1934
G. H. Goodrick	1934-1936
A. B. Chamberlain	1936-1945
Bernard Kemper	1945-1947
Arthur Holtry	1947-1954
Forrest Flowers	1954-1956
Cyril Ashton	1956-



S. S. Smith, Pastor of Methodist Church, 1909 - 1921.

#### Methodist Church Fire







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Early in 1882, pastor John Schwarz of Zion Evangelical Church of Lowden, Iowa, came to Clarence to minister to the needs of the German settlers in the community. He held his first service here in May of that year. He came occasionally after that and at his invitation the German people gathered for services. The attendance at these services was so well attended that Pastor Schwarz felt encouraged to propose the organization of a congregation. At a meeting held November 5, 1882, those present formed a congregation and selected its name - St. John's Evangelical Church. A constitution was submitted for consideration and after due deliberation it was unanimously adopted and signed by eighteen members. The Church Council was Henry Pruess, Carl Kintzel and Henry Goldsmith.

Up to 1890 services were held in the Lutheran Church once a month by Pastor Schwarz. It was agreed that he receive \$75.00 a year for his services. The new congregation tried to purchase the building in which they worshipped but were unsuccessful. They were able to rent it however. The time came when the members wanted to have a church of their own. Land was purchased from W. B. Hannas. A building 34 x 50 feet was erected at a cost of \$2,579.63, including the cost of the land. The sanctuary was dedicated early in 1890. During that summer it was voted to have services twice a month and to pay the minister \$150.00 a year.

By 1892 the congregation felt they could support a resident minister, and a parsonage was erected at a cost of \$900.00. Rev. John Hermann was called to be their first full time pastor. The first Sunday School

#### St. John's Evangelical and Reform Church

was started July 30, 1892. On August 3rd, 1892, a bell was raised to the Church steeple. It weighed 806 lbs., measured 36½" in diameter and cost \$156.34. It was dedicated August 14th.

The congregation purchased the Adventist Church for \$225.00 and moved it to the Church property. It was dedicated November 20, 1892 and was used as a Parochial School.

January 1899, three acres of land were purchased one mile east of Clarence to be used as a Cemetery at \$450.00. It was dedicated October 27, 1899. Mrs. Henry Kettler was the first person laid to rest in the cemetery.

In 1903 Rev. Hermann accepted a call from First Evangelical Church at Burlington, Iowa and Rev. Schulmeister was the next pastor serving from 1903-1907. During this time the congregation grew but no history of his ministry was recorded.

Rev. Emil Hansen accepted a call to the pastorate in 1909. It soon became evident that a larger building was needed in order to accommodate the crowds that gathered for Sunday worship. A new Church was erected in 1912, the old Church being added to the structure on the North annex. It was dedicated on December 22, 1912. In 1915 a new and spacious modern parsonage was constructed across the street to the south of the Church. Pastor Hansen organized the Immanuel Society on January 12, 1915. In September 1917 Pastor Hansen was called to Elmhurst College, having been elected as a professor.

Rev. Karl Fauth began his long and successful ministry in Clarence on October 7, 1917. The language tran-





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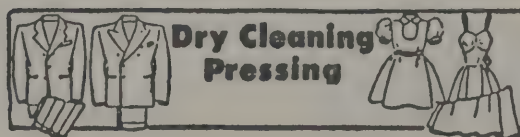
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sition from German to English was made during the pastorate of Rev. Fauth. On January 3, 1921, it was voted to have English services the first Sunday of each month, and Holy Communion was to be given in English when requested. In March 1925 it was voted to have English services twice a month. The minutes of this meeting were the first written in English.

The ladies of the Church were organized in Circles in 1921. Names of these groups were: Priscilla, Tabitha, South Prairie, Kings Daughters and North-West Circles. There was also a Voltatekeit - Veriin.

In 1923 a new pipe organ was purchased and dedicated and at the same time a chancel area was remodeled.

June 28, 1932, both spires on the Church were removed and other repairs made.

October 2, 1932, the 50th Anniversary of the Congregation was observed.

On June 16, 1940, Rev. Robert T. Fauth was ordained into the ministry by his father, and also in this year Rev. Karl Fauth resigned and went into retirement.

On August 6, 1945, Rev. Karl Fauth, beloved pastor of St. John's Church for twenty-two years was called to his eternal reward.

On August 1, 1940 Rev. F. J. Mittler began his duties as pastor of St. John's Church.

August 19, 1940, a Parish Hall 40 x 70 was erected on the north side of the church. It was dedicated February 16, 1941.

On Sunday morning April 28, 1951, the church belfry was struck by lightning. The damage was confined to the belfry and attic, which was later repaired.

On August 15, 1951, Rev. Mittler accepted a call to St. Matthew's Church at St. Louis, Missouri. His son J. Allen Mittler is also an ordained minister, serving as assistant pastor of St. Paul's Church, Wausau, Wisconsin.

On September 6, 1951, the present pastor, the Rev. Edward J. Bowers, began his ministry.

On May 5, 1952, it was voted to build a new church, some time in the future.

#### Additional Items of Interest -

First Baptism recorded - August Frederick Otting, December 3, 1882, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Otting.

First Confirmation Class - March 26, 1883, Gustav Albert, Wm. Averhoff, Wm. Conrad, Henry Goldsmith, Wm. Koth, Otto Pruess, Louise Ebert, Helen Frubois, Wilhelmina Langschwager, Elizabeth Martzahn, Ella Peters, Maria Klatt, Elizabeth Albert.

First Wedding - February 5, 1891, Claus Christ August Jurgensen and Christina Dorothy Margaret Petersen.

First Funeral - August 19, 1883, John Peter Lenschaw.



Rev. Karl Fauth

Additional notes of interest: In very early years there was no organized choir. If special singing was needed, Anna and Martha Schwarz and two men from the Lowden Church sang. In 1896 a choir was organized. Membership dues were 25¢ and 5¢ a month dues. Mrs. John Hermann was organist. A few years later Alma Rein-king was elected organist with Rev. Hermann as director. Since then the following have been organist:

1911-1912	Dora Griem Meyer
1913-	Alma Steffen
1914-	Velma Horn Meier
1923-53	Eleanor Conrad

Since 1953 the following have served as organists: Rosalee Hartwig, Karen Geadelmann Dotseth, Arlynn Kintzel and Carol Meyer. Carol Resewehr, Diane Bergmann and Mary Bowers are the present organists.

#### Church Circles

In 1921 under the guiding hand of Rev. Karl Kauth, our circles were formed. The Priscilla Aid, a town organization, was organized at the home of Mrs. Karl Fauth, November 15, with Mrs. Lena Kemmann as president. The Tabitha Aid, including the ladies north-east of Clarence, was organized at the home of Mrs. Ernest Kintzel. The northwest ladies met at the home of Mrs. Henry Biere of Olin. In later years as the Guild was formed the Priscilla and Tabitha joined hands. Many of the ladies of our present day social service sewing group were members of these circles. In the early thirties a group of young ladies organized the Sunshine Circle. The King's Daughters and South Prai-



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rie Circles and the newly formed Lend-a-Hand circles are still in existence. These are our social service groups, who meet in the country homes of the members.

The large Aid, as the Voltatekeit Veriin was sometimes called, met yearly for a business meeting. Delegates were sent to Synod meetings and reports given at the next meeting. Many items are found in the secretary's books showing how the money gleaned from chicken suppers was used for the upkeep of the church. Mrs. Bergmann was president when our present day Guild was formed. A special meeting was called by Rev. Mittler on September 10, 1940, to elect a delegate to attend a Women's Guild organization meeting to be held at Cedar Rapids September 24, Mrs. Elmer H. Meyer and Mrs. Wm. Rix were elected.

February 2, 1941, a meeting was held when it was decided the name of the organization was to be "Women's Guild", all women of the Church being members. At this time the merger of Tabitha Aid and Priscilla Aid took place and the circle was called "Mary and Martha". In this year Mrs. Carl Deerberg became president. Various constitutions were studied, one being adopted April 30, 1942. Two officers were to be elected for a two year term and the next year two others were installed. Thus the new and old might work together. In 1943 our present system of programs and devotions was adopted, the various department chairmen taking leadership in them.

Our Life Memberships are Mrs. Henry Feddersen, Mrs. Norman Bergmann, Mrs. Wm. Rix, and Mrs. Arnold Pruess, the latter receiving hers from the Guild for her long and patient work for and with the Guild. It is ladies such as the late Mrs. Pruess to whom we owe so much of the success of our organization.

During the years we note the Guild contributed much to World Service, sent Children to camps, sent Bibles to foreign lands and made Junior choir gowns. The ladies equipped the kitchen of the new S. S. Hall in 1941. In 1947 family nights were sponsored. Our tithing money is sent to various institutions. In 1948 our church library was ready for use. The kitchen of the parsonage was remodeled. "God in Our Home" is a book presented to each newly married couple of the church since 1949. In September 1952 free will giving was adopted.

Many of our ladies have held both Regional and Synodical offices — Mrs. Arnold Pruess as Regional president, Mrs. Grover Penningroth as Regional secretary and Mrs. J. C. Dettman as 2nd vice president of the Synodical Women's Guild.

The Guild participates in the Lenten Service, in World Day of Prayer with the Methodist Church and Thank Offering services. Charter members still living are Mrs. Louise Reinking and Mrs. Mary Griem.

Thus our women's organization has grown through the years, until now the memberships is 320 with about 170 being active in Guild work.

## EDNA ZYBELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY



The Wednesday Literary club was formed in 1896 (first called Wednesday Lookout club) and in their various study courses found it a bit difficult to always find ready reference material so the idea of a local library took root. Another club, the Cultus, was formed in 1933 and they, too, felt that a local town library was necessary in a progressive community such as ours.

In 1940 the Wednesday Literary club decided to put their desires into action so the president appointed Mrs. Earl Elijah, Mrs. Robert Decker and Mrs. Randolph Kastler as a committee of three to formulate a plan of action toward the establishment of a free public library in the town of Clarence. Mr. Charles Seaton, editor of the Clarence Sun, gave the project free publicity in his weekly paper and enthusiasm spread quickly.

The Town council voted to house the library in the town hall and the local lumber companies, Co-op and Ruprecht's gave the material, for the book shelves. Under the supervision of Fred Debner a group of men donated their work, made, painted and put them up. A children's table was given by the Ruprecht lumber company.

A generous response was made by the community to the appeal for a donation of books as a nucleus for the library. These were classified and placed in readiness for the opening day "Silver Tea" July 5th, 1940 at 2 P.M. Neil and Kay Kastler in the children's group, and the Rev. A. B. Chamberlain in the adult group, were the first to take out books.

On June 12th, 1941, the town council took over the library and levied a quarter of a mill tax for its support. At that time they appointed Miss Lydia Baumann as librarian and Mrs. Earl Elijah, Mrs. Robert Decker, Mrs. Randolph Kastler, Mrs. Henry Feddersen and Ernest Hasselbusch as a five member board of trustees. Besides the tax levy a few money donations were received the largest being \$115, proceeds from a community play coached by the English teacher, Miss Esther Smith.

As the library grew and more room was needed the town council had the two jail cells removed from the rear which gave more shelf room. That and some redecorating they did added much to the appearance of the library. It was now possible to have a story hour for the pre-school children which has been continued at certain periods of the year since that time. A rental shelf





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of loaned good books was added and traveling library books were made available to all with a new group of books every three months. Almost from the beginning individuals as well as organizations have given good books to the library as gifts, in many cases as memorials. The four clubs of Clarence have the library as one of their community projects and hold a benefit bake sale each summer which is a big help toward the book budget.

In the fall of 1951 Edna Zybelle passed away, willing to the town of Clarence, her former home, the Thomson house, "to be used as a library". The persuasive power of Dr. John Smith was responsible for this act of hers. The town accepted the gift of the home and turned it over to the board of trustees to plan the remodeling. The three clubs canvassed the town for donations of money, which, with the generous financial help of the town council and the donated work of men, women and children, made it possible to remodel and furnish rooms for the library and make a fine apartment for the new librarian, Mrs. Lois Brink, by September 1st, 1952. At this time an "Open House" was held for all.

With the close of 1952 much had been accomplished but there still remained a great deal to do which is always the case with an old building. Several pieces of inside equipment were much appreciated gifts but the board has added several other necessary items, among them a fine filing cabinet, six good chairs and a step-stool, and of course the most necessary item, books.

During the last two years the library building has been sided, the roof resingled where necessary, a new job of spouting done, the porch rebuilt in a new design besides many small jobs too numerous to mention. With the closing of 1953 a new system of cataloging will be completed with the help of the State Traveling Library director, Miss Grafton, local club ladies and members of the Board. The Library is now open 15 hours a week, one of the requirements to meet, and the application has been approved by the State Traveling Library, which means the Library Standards have been met.

The following people have served and are serving on the Board of trustees the past six years: Mrs. Randolph Kastler, president, the Rev. Edward Bowers, secretary, Mrs. Arnold Pruess, Henry Von Muenster, Mrs. Lawrence Kline, Mrs. Marjorie McCaw and Mrs. J. C. Dettmann.

To the Clarence Community as a whole the "Edna Zybelle Memorial Library" will stand as a dream come true, a real memorial to the effort of its people.

For 40 years Legionaires in this community have, For God and Country, associated themselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of their associations in the great wars; To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might; To promote peace and good-will on earth; To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To consecrate and sanctify their comradeship by their devotion to mutual helpfulness.

On November 9th, 1919 there assembled at the Red Cross room in Clarence, veterans of the First World War, meeting for the first time as Victory Post No. 286 under charter issued by National Headquarters. The following men, Arthur W. Bachman, William J. Bark, Albert W. Baute, Clarence H. Bixler, Paul F. Curley, Milo H. Deming, Harold H. Drake, Fred E. Dresden, Walter Ibsen, Lester D. Kelly, Hans J. Klatt, Arnold Meier, George D. Miller, Clarence Ogden, Roy H. Peters, Herman Proesch, Arnold J. Pruess, Henry Pruess, Harley Robertson, James M. Robinson, Edward H. Rotert, Ralph E. Sawyer, Elmer R. Severin, Jesse E. Shriver, John R. Swanson, and Henry Von Muenster became charter members of this Post.

Within the first year these men set about their fund raising campaigns in order to, someday, have their own home. An early interesting decision handed down by its members was the price of dance ticket. It was moved that the price of dancing be \$1.10 per couple with an additional charge of \$.25 for extra ladies, but to be a spectator it cost \$1.10 each.

W. S. Spaulding, J. A. Davis, C. G. Oliver, and Samuel Munn, Civil War veterans, were invited to the Post's second meeting. Commander Spaulding presented to Victory Post a Bible, which had been given to William Hoyman Post, G. A. R. by the ladies of Clarence, in 1886. These elderly gentlemen accompanied the American Legion in 1920 when they started decorating veteran's graves on Memorial Day.

In the fall of 1920 our Legion home was purchased by members, selling to themselves, shares of \$100 each, to raise the \$3,000 price placed on this building. In 1939 the Legion rented the north half of its building to be used as a theater. This phase of local entertainment became a casualty of television in 1952.

During World War II the members leased the south half of our hall to war industry and met in different quarters.







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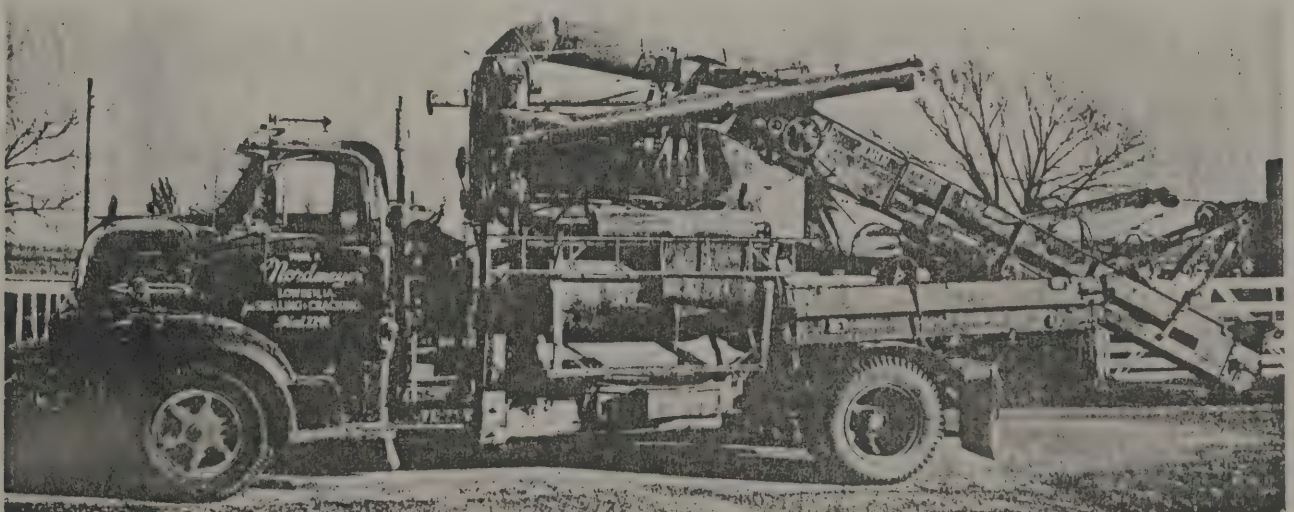
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A resolution in April of 1945, called for the formation of a committee to secure donations for The Memorial Trust Fund, for returning veterans to buy or build and maintain a building for their use. In 1952 these World War II veterans voted to turn over to the American Legion, the money donated by this community. This money and additional funds, raised by the Legion, enabled the Post to remodel the beautiful home we occupy today. The remodeled hall was dedicated with a special program on May 20th, 1954.

Three members, Paul Busching, William Bark and John Davis were presented life memberships, by the Post, for their work on all Legion projects.

Sponsoring Boy Scouting and Explorer Scouting, the Junior Legion baseball program, participation in Boy's State at Des Moines, and the co-sponsorship of the newly inaugurated Youth Center dances and entertainment are a part of our community service, a prime project of our organization.

Membership in the American Legion, which has now grown to 141 members, is limited to those veterans of the armed services who served honorably during the following periods 6 April 1917 to November 11, 1918, 7 December 1941 to 2 September 1945, and 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953.



The American Legion Auxiliary to Victory Post, No. 286 was organized in June, 1921 with 14 Charter members, including — Bertha Bark (Mrs. Harry Schoff, Lowden,) Mrs. August Dresden (deceased) Pauline Dresden, (Mrs. Phillip Allameng, Rock Island), Mrs. (Norma Dircks) Wm. Ebert, (deceased) Mrs. Harry Freeman (deceased), Mrs. Lee Freeman, Mrs. A. E. Kelly (deceased) Mrs. L. D. Kelly, Mrs. Arnold Meier, Tipton, Emma Meier (Mrs. Otto Pruess, Mechanicsville) Mrs. Henry Pruess, Mrs. Elsie Peters Long, Miss Ethel Peters, Peters and Mrs. J. E. Shriver, Mrs. "Mother" McClung of Tipton was the organizing officer.

With Mrs. A. E. Kelly, president pro tem, the first meeting was held on July 2, 1921 when the first officers elected were: president, Mrs. J. E. Shriver; vice-president, Mrs. Kelly; secretary, Pauline Dresden; and treasurer, Mrs. F. G. (Myrle) Liercke.

The first project was a bake sale on July 30 and a membership drive setting the pattern of finance and membership for many years ahead. By the end of the year, a matter of six months, the membership had grown to 44,

Rehabilitation, Child Welfare, Americanism and Community Service soon became the program of the organization following the lead of the American Legion.

Rehabilitation, of course, included the sale of Poppies and the purchase of 288 was recorded for distribution

on Memorial Day, 1922. On that day the A. L. A. members assisted in the decoration of the graves of the graves of the seven World War I veterans who made the Supreme Sacrifice and of veterans of all previous wars of our country. On this occasion the four remaining G. A. R. Veterans were given honored positions as at all other times by the Unit and Post.

Also in 1922 a monthly social meeting was established which within a few months became the kensingtons still held today. Sewing for hospitals and needy veterans families became their project and brought an all-time state record of 468 pounds of carpet rags sent to hospitals in one year.

Among other firsts was the sponsoring of traveling library service set up in the local drug store about 1925, giving Clarence its only library until 1940 when the present one was established. For several years the unit donated three books in memory of the three World War II veterans who lost their lives in battle, but now one book is presented each year at Memorial Day services.

Other Community Service projects include the sponsoring of the first cancer education programs in 1937 when Mrs. J. E. Smith, our Doctor's wife and herself an R.N., gave a talk on the subject at an open meeting; conducting fund drives for Red Cross, Flood relief, Polio Christmas Seals, Easter Seals, participating in National Defense activities during war years, such as Red Cross sewing and Home Nursing classes, U.S.O. drives, blood donor clinics and health promoting programs, including clothing collection for the "Save the Children Federation" in recent years.

The initial "Operation Sky Watch" was activated by two Legionnaires and three Auxiliares.

Always community-minded contributions were made to local band funds, Clarence Commercial Club Christmas funds, community, fire truck, landscaping cemetery grounds.

Living memorials to Veterans of World War I and II were a blue spruce in the City Park lighted many years as a community Christmas tree, and elmin in the school grounds and Memorial urns and flag pole at the Clarence cemetery. Most recent was a contribution to the Clarence Memorial Park.

In 1933 a Parent-Teacher Association was sponsored which grew into an important asset to school and community.

Child Welfare and community service have coincided frequently in A.L.A. work since many times the Unit has assisted in the re-establishment of homes lost by fire or visited by death or illness.

A half-orphaned veterans child was first adopted by the unit in 1932, (known as an assigned child) and only during a very few years between World War I and World War II has the unit been without one. By this program a mother is enabled to care for her child in her own home. Nearly every one assigned to the local unit has been assisted through graduation from high school.



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Twice a large flag was presented to the Clarence School for assembly use and in 1937 a history and government award was established and is presented annually to the ranking eighth grade graduate.

A uniform flag display set up early in the unit's history for use in the business portion of town is still in use, replacement service is made available through the unit Americanism chairman.

Junior members have contributed greatly to unit activities since their program was incepted by the Department and National organizations. They first sold Poppies in 1937 and have been invaluable in the Memorial and rehabilitation work ever since. Before the advent of Junior groups the unit sponsored several groups of Campfire Girls. Several department and district citations have been awarded them and one national - but their greatest reward comes to them in learning to give of themselves in service to those who served.

Six unit members have served as county presidents and five as county secretaries; two have been district officers and one has served the Iowa Department as Mental Health chairman.

One member was honored with a Life membership for long and constant service.

In 1937 when a theatre was built into a section of the Legion Hall, new quarters were rented above Perkins Cafe and that was our home until 1946 when quarters were again established in the unused portion of the Legion Building. This did not last long though because when "our sons" as well as others returned from World War II and brought young and new strength and numbers to both organizations, a larger meeting place was needed and again we packed up and moved into the K. and M. Hall for about a year while the Legion Hall was completely remodeled. A fine building developed with community help and is known as the American Legion Memorial Building and is a tribute to the Veterans of World War II and of the Korean Conflict.

A. L. A. women took over complete planning and furnishing of the kitchen space allotted them and at a cost of more than \$3,000.00 added their bit.

This fine new home was dedicated at an impressive service in May of 1954 with open house.

So many things of importance must be omitted in so short an account of nearly forty years of "Service to God and Country" as the glory of the mountain peaks when "the Boys" of 1918 returned from "the war to end all wars and make the world safe for democracy", to the depths of the valleys when their sons were again called to foreign soil to fight oppression; and the early vision of the small group of 14 to the major accomplishments of the present 169 women whose membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is founded upon the principles of Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty.

## AMVET AUXILIARY

The United Service Women organized in Clarence on June 11, 1942 with the following charter members: Mrs. Blanche Burgess, Miss Esther Ibsen, Mrs. William Ibsen, Mrs. Dan Stock, Miss Edna Stock, Mrs. Mary Jo Kembel, Mrs. Amelia Hasselbusch, Mrs. Pauline Hasselbusch, Mrs. Margaret Luke, Mrs. Amanda Goldsmith, Mrs. Ruth Christ, Mrs. Claire Genung, Mrs. Emma Klatt, Mrs. Helen Lane, and Pearl Kembel.

Officers elected were:

President — Mrs. Emma Klatt  
Vice-president — Pauline Hasselbusch  
Secretary — Helen Lane  
Treasurer — Amelia Hasselbusch  
Historian — Esther Ibsen  
Sergeant at Arms — Pearl Kembel

In 1946 World War II Veterans organized and taking the letters A. M. from America and V. E. T. from veterans called their organization Amvets. Thereby the Amvets Auxiliary of Clarence was so named in June 1946; and are now known as a branch Auxiliary of Lowden since Clarence has no post.

In 1958 the organization was comprised of 42 members who take great pride in the work they are able to do for hospitalized veterans. In 1957 they won the state award for their hospital work and in 1958 we placed second in the state for the child care award given to the Auxiliary doing the most for orphans of our veterans.

Our local group was also honored at the 1958 state convention by having our chaplain Alsa Smith receive the Chaplain-of-the-Year Award.

Each year we help support the Gold Star Scholarship fund which pays a deceased veteran child's way to college.

We sponsor at least 3 parties a year for hospitalized veterans, have helped with chapel service at Iowa City V. A., as well as furnished food and helped with veterans' picnics.

The Amvets Auxiliary has helped with various community projects and are thankful to the community for their support of our ways and means such as White Clover sales, bake sales and bazaar.

## 1958 — 1959 OFFICERS

President — Velma Wiebke  
Vice-president — Berneice Stange  
Secretary — Selma Ruther  
Treasurer — Leona Hundwardsen  
Hospital Chairman — Marie Hansen  
Child Care Chairman — Mabel Sawyer  
Americanism — Anna Kemmann  
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## MASONIC LODGE



The Masonic Order was represented in this community almost from its beginning as some of its early settlers were Masons. They met to organize a lodge, and a charter was granted to it as Euclid No. 177 on June 23, 1866 by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The first officers were:

Wm. Flanagan — Worshipful Master  
 Thomas Coates — Senior Warden  
 James Huff — Junior Warden  
 M. K. H. Reed — Treasurer  
 W. N. Hoey — Secretary  
 A. W. Hillyer — Senior Deacon  
 I. E. Brink — Junior Deacon

A note in the old book states that Chas. O. Buckley was the first Brother to receive the 3rd degree in the New Hall.

For about 20 years the lodge prospered and then disension crept in. To get rid of undesirable members Euclid Lodge surrendered its charter, and then after a year a new lodge of the old membership was instituted under the title of Mt. Hope No. 501.

In 1869 the three-story brick building was erected, and the lodge bought the third story for \$1,260. For 90 years it has been their quarters. No other organization in the community has occupied the same rooms for so long a time.

When the lodge disbanded temporarily, a deed to its property was executed to George E. Smith. In the reorganization this was overlooked, and not until 1913 did Brother Smith deed the property back to the lodge. Thus for 25 years one man owned the third floor of the building and all personal property of the lodge.

Mount Hope Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Mason of Clarence, Iowa, received a letter of dispensation issued August 27, 1888, from Edwin Carlton Blackman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, giving permission to form a new Lodge and appointed the following officers: David Carnahan as Master, J. L. Escher as Senior Warden, Allen Frink as Junior Warden. Other officers of the first year were, E. W. Coe, Treasurer; George E. Smith, Secretary; M. B. Cottrell, Senior Deacon; August Werder, Junior Deacon; B. F. Davis, Senior Steward; S. S. Crocker, Junior Steward; and George Rossman Tyler. The meetings were to be held on the Monday on or before the full moon of each month.

A note of historical significance was noted at the December 3, 1900, meeting, when a communication from the Grand Master of Iowa was received, asking aid for "Galveston sufferers" — referring to the Galveston flood. A contribution of \$5.00 was voted on and sent for aid. Other interesting notes speak of 19 suppers

for \$6.65, which would mean the suppers were 35¢ each.

The following have been granted certificates for 50 years of membership in the order:

OBSERVED	MEMBER	MASTER
1919	George E. Smith	John Ohe
1919	H. Northrup	John Ohe
1942	C. A. Seaton	Wayne Merritt
1944	E. E. Tanner	Laverne Kintzel
1950 (May)	Wm. Stanlake	Durwood Greig
1951 (Aug.)	Howard Dewell	R. E. Weatherwax
1958 (March)	Floyd J. Beatty	Melvin Koth

At present Lloyd Hasselbusch is Worshipful Master, with 110 members. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month.

## ORDER OF EASTERN STAR



On the afternoon of June 8, 1914, the Worthy Grand Matron of the O. E. S. of Iowa, Luella M. Crooks, and Maude Keyser, Grand Conductress, came to Clarence to institute an Eastern Star Chapter. Eleven Clarence people, being members of other chapters, were admitted by demit that afternoon, to become Charter members. These Charter members, of whom Lulu Dewell and Lulu Dean are still members of the Chapter, included Frances Peabody, Minnie Jons, Maggie Donkle and Mabel English, and G. F. Peabody, H. A. Jons, E. C. Dean, Reverend Alex English and Howard Dewell.

They, in turn, voted upon the following: Mamie McClellan, Mabel Ohe, S. S. Crittenden, Elizabeth Crittenden, John Budelier, Hosea Ballou, Maria Ballou, Capitola Phillips, Freda Fictor, Leonard Fictor, Rena Buckley and F. H. Buckley. Some of these were initiated in the afternoon session, and some in the evening, with members of Evangeline Chapter of Mechanicsville, acting as pro-tem officers.

The first officers were Maria Ballou, Worthy Matron; E. C. Dean, Worthy Patron; Capitola Phillips, Associate Matron; S. S. Crittenden, Secretary; Mabel Ohe, Treasurer; Lulu Dewell, Conductress; Freda Fictor, Associate Conductress; Rev. Alex English, Chaplain; Mabel English, Adah; Minnie Jons, Ruth; Lulu Dean, Esther; Mabel Budelier, Martha; Frances Peabody, Electa; Rena Buckley, Warder; H. A. Jons, Sentinel; Mrs. Elizabeth Crittenden, Organist.

Clarence Chapter No. 461 has been fortunate to have the rooms of Mt. Hope Lodge No. 501 available for their use, above what is known as Kahl's Cafe.

In 1939, the Chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary, the year of Winifred Freeman, Worthy Matron and Wayne





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White, Worthy Patron. The Worthy Grand Matron of Iowa Bessie McMurray of Newton and several other Grand officers attended the celebration September 26th, 1939. 130 members and visitors enjoyed the evening of entertainment and talks.

In 1958, Clarence Chapter was very happy and proud to honor our Charter Member, Mrs. Lulu Dewell, on her 50th year as an Eastern Star member. She was presented a Life membership, a 50 year certificate and a lovely 50 year pin. Mrs. Dewell had joined the Order in 1908, and affiliated with Clarence Chapter in 1914.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August. Membership is 132. Arline Eichelberger is the Worthy Matron and Wilbur Debner is the Worthy Patron.

#### ROYAL NEIGHBORS

A Royal Neighbor Camp was organized at Clarence, Iowa, in the year 1908 by District Deputy Mary E. Nixon. The name and number of the camp was designated to be Rosewood Camp No. 5398, Royal Neighbors of America.

A charter was issued June 11, 1908, with the following 20 members:

Ida L. Baughman, Pearl Baughman, Kate Beach, Besse Crittenden, Gladys Crow, Kittie Crow, Margaret Culbertson, Jennette Delameter, Mildred N. Elijah, Jessie Gager, Emma Goldsmith, Lena Kroigaard, Coral Lambert, May Lohman, Cleveland J. Long, Amanda Roe, Blanche Scott, Etta Simpson, John E. Smith, and Winifred Smith.

Meetings were held once each month in what was known as Woodman Hall, now known as the K & M Hall. In 1926 the Camp was reorganized. The Camp observed its 50th Anniversary on June 11, 1958.

The three charter members who are still members of the organization are Emma Goldsmith, May Lohman and John E. Smith. Dr. Smith was the first Camp physician and has continued in that office ever since. The officers elected in 1908 were as follows:

Oracle, Mrs. Winifred Smith  
Vice Oracle, Mrs. May Lohman  
Recorder, Mrs. Blanche Scott  
Receiver, Miss Gladys Crow  
Chancellor, Mrs. Besse Crittenden  
Physician, Dr. John E. Smith  
Marshall, Mrs. Kate Beach  
Inner Sentinel, Mrs. Jessie Gager  
Outer Sentinel, Mrs. Etta Simpson

#### WEDNESDAY LITERARY CLUB

Three years after the Iowa Federation of Women's Club's was organized a happy group of progressive young women in Clarence, Iowa, met at the home of one of their number to organize a Ladies Literary Society. This was on a September afternoon in 1896.

A committee appointed to draw up a constitution named the club: "Wednesday Lookout Club" and meetings were to be held each Wednesday afternoon from September to July; membership limited to twenty and dues twenty-five cents. The motto chosen then, "Agitation of Thought is the Beginning of Wisdom" is still being used. The first officers elected were: president, Mrs. Frank Hanna; vice-president, Mrs. William Layton; secretary, Miss Lillian Decker. A program committee of three were: Mrs. J. H. Morgan, Mrs. Alex Grant and Mrs. Frank Phillips.

The second year the club constitution was amended to read, "Club year to be from October to May with two weeks vacation at Holiday time and two afternoons left without regular programs to allow for social time". Several years later the meetings were held every other Wednesday and in 1956 the first and third Wednesdays were chosen for W. L. C. meetings.

Friendly relations were had with the Columbia Circle, the first women's club organized in Clarence in 1880 and federated in 1893.

In 1904 the W. L. C. constitution was again revised and the club took the name of "Wednesday Literary Club." At this time they joined the General Federation and in so doing broadened their interests and activities.

In World War I and II and the Korean War the club members took an active part in all projects in our country's war efforts.

In 1940 the Wednesday Club started a library as their community project. In 1941 the town took it over and appointed Miss Lydia Bauman, a W. L. C. member as the librarian, a place she held until 1952. To the Library Board of trustees they appointed three other W. L. C. members, Mrs. Earl Elijah, Mrs. Robert Decker (1940 to 1952) and Mrs. Randolph Kastler, (1940 to 1958). The two other members were Mrs. Henry Feddersen and Ernest Hasselbusch.

Over the years W. L. C. club programs have received many "honorable mention", excellent or superior ratings. Citations have also been received many times for the high percentage of worthy local and state projects carried out. The programs for study have been varied from miscellaneous to Literature, Iowa and Africa, etc.

In 1946 the Club's Golden anniversary was celebrated with a luncheon at Tipton's Crispin Tea-room with sev-



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eral guests present who were past members. A very interesting program based on the fifty years of study and social times was given.

Again in 1954 on March 31st the W. L. C. met in the Evangelical Church parlors to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their work as a Federated Club. Following a luncheon served to members and a few guests a fine program of music was enjoyed after which a guest speaker, Wilma Nissen, State President, gave an inspiring message to the 92 present. Miss Lydia Bauman was also honored as a fifty year member along with others who had been members 20, 30, and 40 years.

The Wednesday Literary club, now one of four federated clubs in Clarence, carry out a friendly and cooperative relationship with the other clubs and on community projects they work together. Besides the required state and district projects which W. L. C. meets each year their great interest locally is the Library, the young people and the "goldenagers". They give an award for citizenship to an outstanding senior boy each year and the call of the orphan is heard each Christmas season.

Though the membership changes may the good work of W. L. C. continue to and beyond it's centennial in 1996.

#### CULTUS CLUB

The Cultus Club was organized and federated in 1934 with ten charter members. The first president was Mrs. Walter Kemmann, with Mrs. Edwin Schluter, vice-president; Mrs. Arnold Pruess, secretary and Mrs. Floyd Bixler, treasurer.

This club participates in all State and General Federation projects and cooperates with the other clubs in Community affairs, principal ones being the Edna Zybell Memorial Library and Teen-Age dances. Their own annual project is presenting an award to the freshman high school student outstanding in English class, and sending used clothing to an adopted Netherlands family.

This past year the Conservation committee of this club worked with the State Highway Commission and Cedar County Conservation Club in establishing a roadside park, one and one fourth miles west of town on highway 30. This committee, Mrs. Ralph Christiansen, Mrs. Kenneth Morehead and Mrs. Hugo Rix aided in the planting and landscaping of this park. Proceeds from a bake sale paid for the first picnic table. The American Legion and Commercial Club and other organizations and individuals joined in with donations and labor.

The present membership is 17, three being charter members, Mrs. Hugo Rix is president; Mrs. J. C. Detmann, vice-president; Mrs. Everett Bixler, secretary; and Mrs. Margaret Davis, treasurer.

#### PARTNERS IN STUDY CLUB

The Partners-In-Study Club, one of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, was organized on April 24, 1940, and federated in the same year. It was originally known as Pi Iota Sigma Club and was sponsored by the Cultus Club of Clarence. Ten girls signed the constitution as charter members. The following is the first corps of officers:

President, Margaret Freeman  
Vice-president, Mary Bunge  
Secretary, Marie Freeman  
Treasurer, Mildred Kreinbring  
Scribe, Honora Sonnemaker

We have cooperated with the other Clarence clubs in a number of community projects. Most important among them are the Youth Guidance program and the Clarence Library. Our own community project has been the summer swimming program in which eighty-six students from third grade through high school participated during this last year.

Our present membership totals 26. The following are officers for the current year.

President - Mrs. Douglas Cashman  
Vice-president - Mrs. Laverne Kintzel  
Secretary - Mrs. Henry Klatt  
Treasurer - Mrs. Carl Brodersen

#### THE CULTURETTES JUNIOR STUDY CLUB

The Culturettes Club was organized in the spring of 1957 with the help of the Partners-In-Study Club. We were accepted into the Federation in the fall of 1957. This group of 18 young women spent the first year getting acquainted with each other and the Federation. The officers for the first year were:

President - Mrs. John Feddersen  
Vice-president - Mrs. Eugene McCaw  
Secretary - Mrs. Pete Hansen  
Treasurer - Mrs. John Dircks

The officers for the 1958 - 59 club year are:

President - Mrs. R. L. Goldsmith  
Vice-president - Mrs. Gilbert Sheldon  
Secretary - Mrs. Raymond Steinke  
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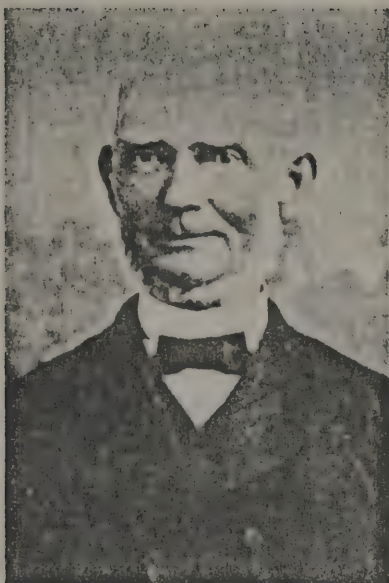
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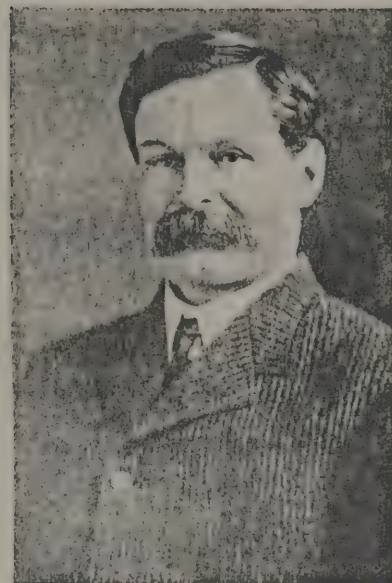




Senator James M. Kent



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GIRLS

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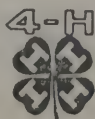
Girls 4-H has been an important part of our community since the first Dayton 4-H Club was organized around 1929 under the leadership of Mrs. Henry Von Muenster. No exact records were kept at this time, however there have been a number of girls' clubs organized throughout the years.

The Dayton Dollies, organized in 1949, eventually grew to 53 members and in 1953 was divided into three groups according to age — Dayton Dollies, Clarence Country Gals, and Clarence Junior Homemakers. The Clarence Country Gals and Dayton Dollies finally disbanded and the present day clubs include: Happy Steppers, organized in 1954 and now have 16 members; Clarence Junior Homemakers with 16 members; and the newest club, Clarence Cloverettes, organized in 1958 with 12 members. 4-H holds fond memories for many girls and leaders and may it continue to flourish for years to come.

BOYS

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The boys Four H Club was first organized in 1938 under the name of Harmony Hustlers. The present club has a membership of 37.

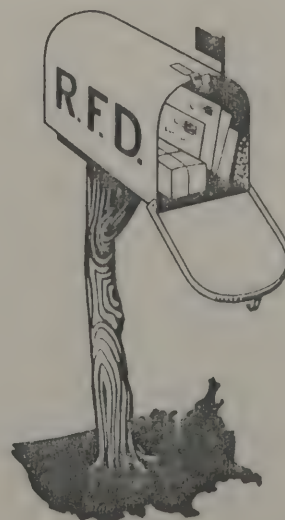
The leaders are James Ward, Paul Hasselbusch Jr., and Robert Kelly.

#### SERVICE IN STATE LEGISLATURE

This community has furnished six men who have served in the State Legislature. The first was James M. Kent. He was elected State Senator in 1857 to fill out the term of J. W. Cattell, who had become Auditor of State, and in 1859, for a full term. Mr. Kent rode horseback to Des Moines, as there were no railroads into that city. He sat in the first session to meet at that city, after the Capital was moved there from Iowa City. Mr. Kent was also Senator when the Civil War broke out and it was necessary to enact measures to support the war. Mr. Kent is the grandfather of Earl and Mae Elijah.

James W. Beatty (1829 - 1900) was Representative from Cedar County in 1872 - 1873.

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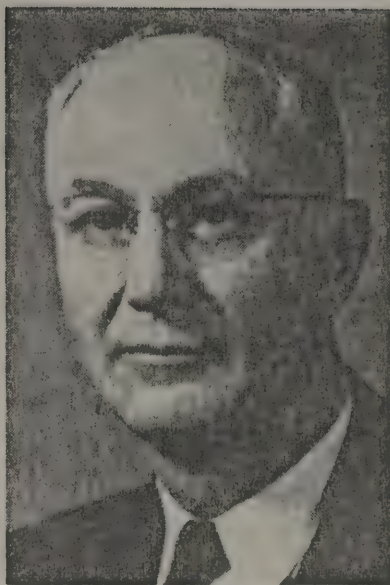
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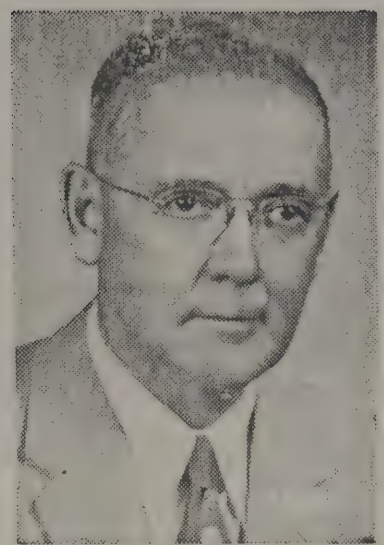




Gordon Smith



Edwin C. Schluter



Earl Elijah

Gordon Smith was Representative from Cedar County in the 48th and 49th General Assemblies 1939 -1941.

Edwin C. Schluter was State Senator from Cedar, Jones and Jackson Counties in the 50th., 51st., and 52nd. General Assemblies 1943 - 1947.

Earl Elijah is the incumbent State Senator from Cedar, Jones and Jackson Counties in the 55th., 56th., 57th., and 58th., General Assemblies 1953 - 1959.



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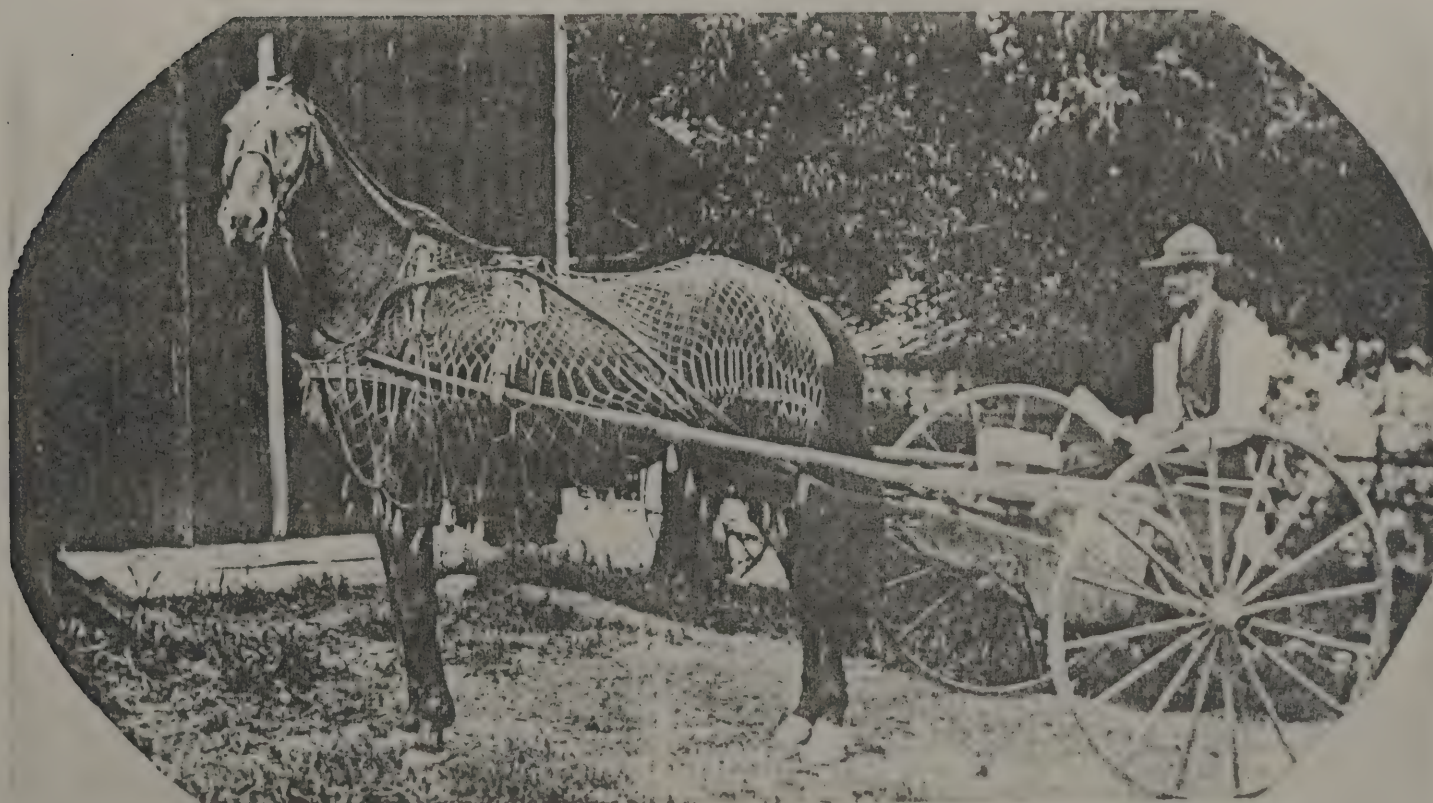


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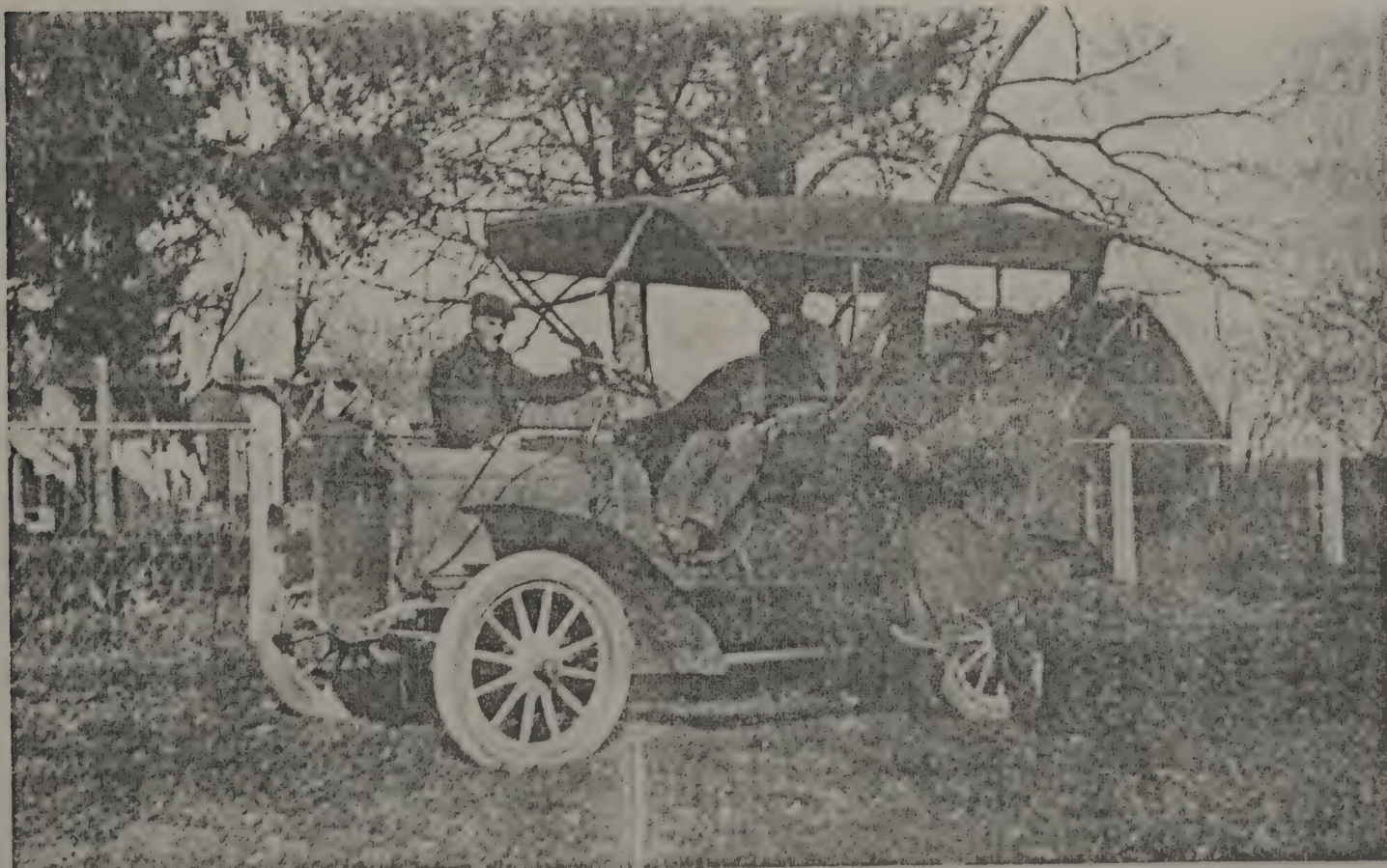






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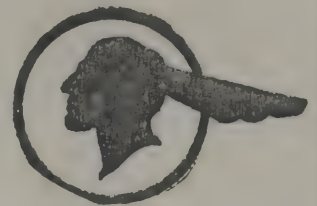
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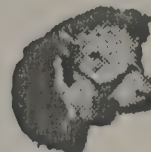
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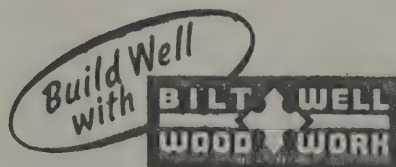
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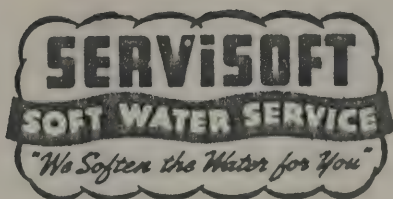
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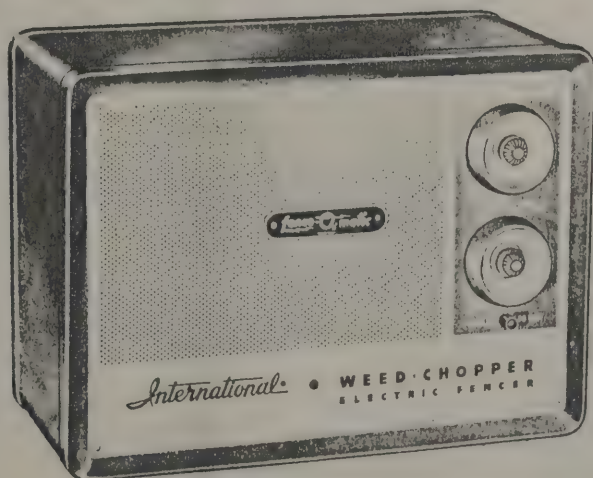
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